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NEW SENSATION PROMISED IN OIL SCANDAL

Snow Damage In Mexia And Nearby Places Heavy

New Railroad To Serve A Big Area Of Great Promise

New Territory To Be Opened By Line To Pt. Arthur

By Ben F. Stollenwerck

The first article of this series was a general preliminary explanatory statement, and the second article dealt with the situation as related to Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine Railway and the industrial district from Beaumont to Port Arthur. This article will deal with the situation as related to the territory from Beaumont to Weldon.

By consulting a map it will be found that the W. B. T. & S. railway now has a line extending from Weldon to Livingston which is the line to be extended to Beaumont. It is understood that trackage arrangements have already been closed with the Santa Fe to reach Beaumont over the Santa Fe tracks.

At the hearing in progress in Austin last week, it was developed that to a very large extent that the pine and hardwood timber lands in East Texas have been what is termed "cut over," that is to say, that the large timber has been cut off in that territory except a large portion which will be tributary to the new line and is now principally owned by the West Timber Company. It was shown that the town of Livingston has had a healthy growth ever since the existing line was built; that the road was originally built to haul logs over, but that when the timber was cut off that the territory adjacent to the road for a number of miles on each side had developed into a profitable farming district, and that the East and Southeast corner of Polk County has not developed, conclusively demonstrating that the building of this road has developed a commercial tonnage of a permanent nature.

It was shown that in the territory very remote from the railroad that there was still a wealth of timber. It was also shown that in the forest of long leaf yellow pine, that the land is impoverished by the falling of the pine needles on the ground, and that in the pine forests are cut off and the land is placed in cultivation, under the judicious treatment, it quickly gets fertility and is productive.

It was shown that in the territory No. 12, between Weldon, in Houston County, and between Weldon and Jester in Leon County, that there are rich hardwood timber forests consisting of ash, oak, gum, hickory, pecan and other hard woods. It was also pointed out that the valley of the Trinity River is very fertile, in fact, it was testified that late in 1922 it contained 2,100 acres of land near Weldon for \$100,000.00, and that the 1/2 cotton crop paid for it.

It was shown that the building of the line to Weldon has developed commercial in the neighborhood of Weldon, but did not exist previous to the construction of this line.

It will be seen that when this line is completed the principal point on land will be Port Arthur, Beaumont, Livingston, Trinity, Jester, Mexia and Waco.

The first article will conclude the series and will deal with the testimony as developed in the case regarding the territory Northwest of Mexia, the work that was done in behalf of Mexia and the relation of the line to the traffic in Central-West Texas, Northwest of Waco, particularly that branch of the Katy, formerly the Texas Central, extending from Waco, McLennan County to Rotan, Fisher County, a distance of 360 miles. The distance from Waco to Texarkana by the proposed route will be about 233 miles.

Many of the first wall papers were bought in England by the merchants of East India.



64 Years Old But Has Only Had Fifteen Birthdays

John R. Courtney, of Atlanta, Georgia, one of those unfortunate persons whose birthday is only celebrated in Leap Year. Although it seems as though Mr. Courtney should have had sixteen birthdays, he has been cheated out of one since on the turn of the anniversary of his birth.

Oklahoman Shot By Hostonian In Foreign Country

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 26.—J. E. Hopkins, Kingfisher, Oklahoma, operator on the steamer "Saucon" was shot and killed in Rotterdam, Holland, by D. A. Cameron, Houston, chief officer, according to a radiogram received here. The shooting climaxed a quarrel between the two men, the advice ended. Cameron is being held by Amsterdam.

Fourteen Cars Derailed Near Marshall, Texas

MARSHALL, Texas, Feb. 26.—Fourteen cars of a northbound Texas and Pacific freight train piled up when the train ran through an open switch near here. The cars were loaded with perishable vegetables for northern markets, were derailed and overturned. There were no casualties.

McLean Testifies That Fall Didn't Cash His Checks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Edward B. McLean's bank accounts when he testified he wrote \$100,000 worth of checks to former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall totalled only \$1,500, according to testimony before the Teapot Dome committee. Officials of three Washington banks where the publisher accounts at that time disclosed: Federal American bank, \$2,202; Commercial bank, \$1,743; Riggs National bank, \$1,005. McLean testified that he wrote the checks but that Fall later returned them and they were destroyed without being cashed.

Grandchildren Are Remembered in Will

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 26.—Three grandchildren of E. O. Tenison, wealthy banker who died here Feb. 25, were named beneficiaries of a \$25,000 trust fund under terms of the will filed for probate in local court. The bulk of the banker's \$350,000 estate was left to the widow. Three children received \$25,000 each.

Cultivation of peas netted two Idaho farmers more than \$9000.

Western Union Records Aid In Teapot Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The name of a big politician, not an official of the government, was drawn into the oil lease scandal when the Teapot committee delved into telegrams of Edward McLean. The identity of the politician was not established definitely, but if it is the man the committee thinks a new sensational story of official intrigue is expected. Perusal of the telegrams by the committee also revealed that Fall through McLean, maintained a close touch with every move of the committee then sitting in Washington, that two thirds of the telegrams concerned the oil investigation; that McLean maintained a leased wire from Washington to Palm Beach, and that no member of the investigating committee communicated via the Western Union with Fall or McLean. Tomorrow the committee will examine the files of the Postal Telegraph.

One hundred telegrams sent to former Secretary of the Interior Fall and Edward McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, during their December stay at Palm Beach, were presented to the Senate Teapot Dome committee. H. T. Taft, Washington superintendent of the Western Union, gave the committee a bundle of records from his office files. The committee immediately went into secret session. The telegrams were called for in the committee's efforts to learn the source of suspected leaks to persons involved in the oil scandal. The committee sought to determine if government officials advised Fall or McLean what course they should pursue. Senator Walsh, before the meeting, announced there is no present intention to summon Attorney General Daugherty about dealings with Sinclair stock. Walsh said he would subpoena G. B. Waneberg, former pri-

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Get Rich Quick Wallingford Is Victim Of Quick Death Tuesday

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—George Randolph Chester, novelist, and known widely as the author of "Get Rich Quick Wallingford," died at his apartment here of heart disease. Death was sudden, Chester having talked yesterday with his publishers.

Lions Club Is Planning Big Time Friday

Jere Cason states that arrangements are being perfected for the big annual affair of the Lions and their ladies for next Friday night. The banquet and social will be held at the Reunion Grounds where the club house will be all fixed up for one of the most brilliant affairs of the season. The entertainment to be provided is said to be of the very highest class and those who attend are certain to enjoy one of the treats of their lives.

Vaudeville Stars Caught In Raid

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Billy Van and Joe Schenck, the "Gallagher and Shean" of vaudeville, are singing a new hit—"We Don't Know Where They Got It," following their arrest in a raid by dry officers. The prohibition sleuths said the "vodil" artists owned an interest in the cafe which was raided. Patrons were said to be laden inside and out with liquor but "Van and Schenck" when released on bond sang "We Don't Know Where They Got It."

Ninety-five per cent of the students of Garrett Biblical Institute work their way through the course.

Twenty Months Old Babe Talks As Six Year Old

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Helen Rice, 20-months old prodigy, attributes her precocity to the radio—at least her mother blames this modern device for her child's brilliance. Mrs. Julia Rice, the mother, says that Helen talks like a child of six, reads books, and has adopted the radio outfit for a godfather. She says her child listens in on all the lectures and repeats them after the announcer.

HOSPITAL FOR VETERANS

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (United Press).—The construction of a hospital near here for tubercular veterans is to begin in the near future, according to Volney Craig, San Fernando rancher, whose offer of a site for the hospital was recently accepted by the government. The hospital will be designed to hold 500 beds.

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Grandmother Denning Passes Away

Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. C. Roller, grandmother Denning passed away.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Denning was born Aug. 25, 1836, Frederick, Maryland.

At the age of nineteen years she was married to Benjamin Denning, of Hardy County, Va., which place they resided for four years, after which they moved to Winchester, Kentucky. In 1870 they moved to Freestone County, Texas, and for the past 31 years has lived in Mexia.

To this union was born seventeen children, nine of whom survive her. Living in Mexia are the following: Mrs. H. C. Roller, Joe Denning, J. F. Denning, Tom Denning; those out of Mexia are Mrs. Elizabeth Patton of Teague, S. P. Denning of Roswell, New Mexico; B. F. Denning of Beaumont, Texas, Jake Denning of St. Louis, Mo., Dave Denning of Marlin, Texas. Two sisters, Mrs. Emma Steele, and Mrs. Jennie Budett, of Frederick, Maryland.

Grandmother Denning lived to know seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the First Presbyterian Church, Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, with all ministers of the city assisting her pastor, Dr. Hudson.

Honorary Pall Bearers

Dr. Oates, Dr. Goolsby, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Brown, Dr. McKenzie, Rev. Hudson, Rev. Putman, Rev. W. B. Andrews, Rev. Jeffers, Rev. Aubrey,

Rev. Reaves, Judge White, A. B. Reynolds, Warren Steele, Vance Means, G. A. Lyell, W. G. Ross, A. M. Stevens, L. I. Gatlin, T. A. Griffith, Jno. R. Corley, J. A. Gantz, Sanford Smith, Ben Smith, Jack Womack, David Murphy, Blake Smith, Frank Cogdell, M. W. Webb, Roy Bass, Jno. Sweat, Geo. Peyton, N. Hollingsworth, J. I. Riddle, N. P. Houx, J. M. Vaiden, J. P. Yeldell, Jno. Seale, Rado Steele, C. L. Watson, Ernest Watson, Taz Watson, Jim Watson, Dr. Metcalf, Dr. Roy Lemon, Chas. Patton, Jno. Groover, Enders Groover, Albert H. Berry, W. W. Barnett, R. F. Babb, C. A. Kennedy, Hugh Everett, Phil Karner, R. J. Ellington, Fred Klotz, Fred Karrer, Horace Stevens, J. D. Denner, Jno. Nussbaum, Emile Nussbaum, W. B. Kendrick, Will Freeman, Hugh Freeman, Clay Freeman, Fred Bennett, Roscoe Cook, I. Newman, Hurl Watson, D. A. Waller, Frank Hughes, Billy Simmons, W. J. Keeling, Hardy Eubanks, C. O. Sargeant, F. D. Irvin, Sam Cox, Rush Hickman, J. D. Arrington, Marcus McDonald, T. A. Kindred, Aubrey Kindred, J. P. Anderson, Jno. Griffith, H. L. Hall, Gene Sinclair, J. L. Sinclair, W. D. Pittman, Dr. Duke Pittman, Lucius Finch, W. R. Storey, Rex Forrest, Blake Forrest, Harry Forrest, Porter Forrest, Gray Forrest, D. H. Gibson, T. J. Farmer, Wallace Gibbs, W. H. Wallace, Dr. Bob Johnson, G. W. Perkins, M. Adams, Bob Adams, Tracy McKenzie, Jesse McLendon,

W. A. McSwane, A. D. McDonald, T. B. Chatham, Geo. Peaty, F. P. Hutchinson, Ed Wood, R. A. Parker, Cox Brodnax, Walter Jackson, G. W. Butler, J. M. Tidwell, Geo. Tidwell, Joe Stevens, V. B. Gardner, Sam Hodges, C. J. Kaulh, Wright Kincheloe, W. L. Adamson, E. T. Measles, Claud King, A. T. Schulz, Oliver Gilmore, T. A. White, Ed Hitt, E. L. Smith, L. J. Ingram, D. A. Kerz, Zeno King, J. W. Laney, Chas. Stephens, E. B. Moseley, Dudley Ross, Burleson Wilson, Euel Hall, Laird Finch, J. B. Best, Tom Best, Wallace Welch, Geo. A. Lee, J. G. McKittoch, Osborn Kennedy, Ozie Lewis, J. H. Redden, Jim Stanberry, Sam B. Werner, E. M. Strange, Tom Phillips, Jno. Wilson, E. M. Chitwood, C. J. Sterling, J. H. Parks, Henry McKenzie, A. A. Steele, J. H. Potts, H. G. Wright, Oran Wroe, J. W. Stabenrauch, Joe Gordon, Pete Irshall, R. L. Carpenter, Luther Cox, Tom L. Cox, J. P. Reynolds, Joe Phillips, E. C. Foster, Carl Davis, J. M. Stracke, Foster, Carl Davis, J. M. Stracke, Foster, Carl Davis, W. K. Boyd, A. G. Adair, Out of town pall bearers: Judge Doyle, Sam Bryant, Howell Parker, Jno. Sewell, H. T. McCorkle, Dr. Peyton, Dr. Headley, Jno. Carley, all of Teague; Walter Cosman, J. R. Neese, Sr., J. P. Neese, Altus Wilder, H. M. Munger, Sam Bryant, Dr. Flynn, Dr. Doolittle, Dallas; P. S. Park, Bryan, Marvin Sanders, Dallas; L. Cobb, Jim Machon, W. M. Kennedy, Grossbeck; W. H. Gill, T.

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Reporter Who Bared Oil Lease Scandal.



D. F. Stackelbeck

Garage Filled With Autos Falls In On Them

Citizens of Mexia and surrounding communities awoke this morning to find the sun shining brightly above a blanket of snow, which in spreading out over buildings, telephone and power lines and over the ground had occasioned many awnings to collapse, the W. K. Turner and Son Garage to cave in, polls to be pulled to the earth and wires to be crossed in a veritable net work of wreckage, all totaling a loss which will mount into the thousands of dollars before cleared and rebuilt. In parts of the city, no power or lights were available for several hours, on account of the lines having broken under the strain of the heaviest snow which has fallen in this section in years. The water was also shut off for several hours, the citizens resorting in many instances to snow drifts to wash their faces in and to meet the other necessities of the moment.

The Gas Company's awning, in front of their downtown office on Main street was one of the awnings that collapsed. The one in front of the Strawberry Paint and Paper Company on North Sherman was another.

The Community Power and Light Company suffered heavy damages, it being estimated that at least fifty polls in the city limits were down, while workmen had been called to Wortham, Thornton, Teague and other nearby neighboring points early in the morning to repair the damage that was being wrought there.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is understood to have suffered some loss, too, about a hundred phones being reported out of commission early in the day.

The heaviest damage of all was that at W. K. Turner and Sons Garage on Palestine street, which fell in last night about 9:00 o'clock. The large storage room was chuck full of automobiles and cars placed there by various individuals. Practically the entire building, with the exception of the front fell in, practically every car receiving some damage. Some of the cars, in fact, were severely damaged. The building, a brick, had been built only about a year. Damage to the building will be practically total, which probably runs above \$7,500 while the damage to the automobiles will likely amount to several thousand dollars. All of this damage, too, was not covered by insurance, it is understood, at it was of the unusual kind and of a class not covered in ordinary insurance. It is hoped however the loss will not be as great as at first expected. Workmen went to work early this morning to clear the wrecks and hundreds visited the place during the day.

All over town men were out with shovels and on top of buildings as well, clearing the snow heap. The snow rapidly melted in the warm sunshine.

Between Mexia and neighboring towns many lines are reported down and workmen have been sent there also to make repairs and normal conditions will soon be established again.

Considerable damage was also done in the oil fields, the extent of which cannot be estimated.

No serious injuries have been reported.

Texas Tabloids

DALLAS, Feb. 26.—Joe Yu Lung, cook sucy chef at the Shanghai cafe here, has applied for authority to leave and re-enter the United States. Lung told Immigration Inspector Guy H. Smith he was going to his home town near Hong-kong to get a bride. "She has waited for me since 1915, when I first came to America," he said.

FORT WORTH, Feb. 26.—Air supremacy to insure universal peace was urged by Rear Admiral C. F. Fullman, U. S. N., in a speech to the Kiwanis Club here. "Air supremacy is the greatest element of world peace known," he said. "Develop business and commercial aviation. If war comes, discard the mail, freight and passenger services and load on bombs and torpedoes." Admiral Fullman said the United States had not kept pace with foreign countries in development of aviation.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 26.—North Texas will be stocked with liberal quantities of Mexican quail as part of its game conservation plans, J. Dalton, state game commissioner, said here today. Dalton was enroute to Paris where he will take charge of game protection work in sixteen North Texas counties.

FORT WORTH, Feb. 26.—Fifteen guests, many of them scantly attired, were driven to the streets when the Washington Hotel here caught fire during the night. The flames were confined to the lower floors and were quickly extinguished by firemen. Loss was \$15,000.

Mrs. T. M. Wheat and son, David, of San Antonio are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jere H. Cason. She is a sister of Mrs. Cason.

Klan Women Buy Community Club

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 26.—The Powell Training School near Southern Methodist University here has been purchased by trustees of the local women of the Ku Klux Klan. The building will be converted into a community club house.

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IRREGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Irregular school attendance causes the waste of \$250,000,
one-quarter of the money spent for public education in the
United States in 1923, according to statisticians of the United
States Bureau of Education. The people who paid the taxes
robbed themselves of this amount and at the same time depriv-
ed their own children of an average of two-months schooling.More than 22,000,000 children were enrolled in the public
schools of the country and the schools were open an average of
about eight months. Nearly 700,000 teachers were employed and
that number was sufficient to instruct every child enrolled
every day of the eight months the schools were in session, say
the Bureau of Education officials. The total cost in all the
States combined was about one billion dollars. By allowing
their children to miss school one-quarter of the time parents
caused the waste of one-quarter of the money paid to run the
schools.Better sidewalks in Mexia would enable this school dis-
trict to show a greater school attendance. But parents, under
difficulties, should give their utmost cooperation to prevent too
heavy a loss from non-attendance. Not only does it cost as much
to run the school when a big per cent is absent, but the child-
ren lose in the training that they would otherwise obtain.

A PRACTICAL PROGRAM FOR 1924

Mexia's needs are numerous. Some of them are major while
others are minor. Some of them create imperative demands upon
the public, if Mexia is to become a bigger and better city.
While achieving big things, the little ones should not be neglec-
ted.The News offers the following list of needs that should be
given attention in 1924 and carried to a successful conclusion:1. The water situation completely solved. Mexia's
water situation is not fully understood by many citizens. The conditions are by no means bad. In fact
they are very promising. With an adequate supply of
water available and of a pure quality, the proposition
is largely one of bringing it to town and having at all
times a reserve close at hand to take care of the city
for a reasonable period in case of accident, breaking
of the main leading to the corporate limits, or in case
of a big fire. The News suggests a committee of citi-
zens to go over the situation immediately, appointed
by the city officials to make recommendations that will
at all times assure Mexia an abundance of pure water
and prevent a recurrence of a water scarcity experienced
last summer, to lead ultimately also to a reduction
in the price to the consumer.2. More light for Mexia streets, with particular attention
to dark spots in the residential areas, alleys, in front of all local
churches and schools, and a White Way for the business
district. These are mentioned in the order of their importance.3. A Memorial Building, including a City Auditorium,
which may be used as a community center, and also so arranged
as to enable Mexia to become a convention center in this
part of Texas.4. The Hughes City Park beautified and equipped so that
it may prove a real playground for the children and a place of
recreation and rest for all, with attention also given to a tourist
camp for parties traveling through in autos on cross country
trips.5. A ceaseless campaign for public health, with constant
attention by citizens to their premises in cooperation with the
city sanitary department; no open sewers and cess pools of filth
and disease; and all possible breeding spots for mosquitoes elim-
inated, and the paved streets kept clean all the time.6. Realizing agriculture is the permanent basis for gen-
eral prosperity in this section. The News urges a more zealous
endeavor to cooperate with the farmers of this territory in land
conservation; the development of fertilizing plants and the of-
fering of premiums on best farm crops for 1924,—along the
lines recently suggested by J. W. Stabenrauch.7. A larger tin bucket brigade for Mexia—the new cotton
mills to be the initial step forward in making this an industrial
center of great moment.8. Always back up campaigns of local churches and
schools in their ambitious plans to meet the spiritual and educational
and social needs of the community.9. The paving program completed, including the paving of
the alleys and the improvement of all unpaved streets.10. Constant encouragement should be given to home
seekers and home builders.11. A new city charter to suit conditions, properly pre-
sented and fully discussed and understood by the citizens prior to
the day they are called to the polls to vote on it.12. Lower fire insurance key rate, and lower rates for all
public utilities as rapidly as consistent with public weal.SPECIAL MEETING
OF MEXIA ELKS
FOR FRIDAY
NIGHTA special meeting of Mexia Elks
has been called at the Elks Club
Friday night. According to Exalted
Ruler, Frank Bottom, this is a very
important meeting and a full attendance
is strongly urged.The program for March has been
announced as follows:

March 6th regular meeting.

March 14th, regular dance.

March 21st, initiation full formal
painted with the band in uniform,
at the Elk Club last night. The snow
was so deep that the snow didn't remind any of the
bad snow of baseball weather.Be sure to have your candidate at
the Club by that time.

March 28th regular dance.

For Choral Club tonight, at the
First Baptist Church.G. T. Bowden is the new manager of
the Western Union Telegraph Com-
pany. He arrived February the 22nd,
coming to this city from Alabama.CITIZENSHIP
Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Editor

No citizen has a right to intellectual
ambition until he has learned
to lay his course by a star which
he has never seen—"to dig by the
dividing rod for springs which he
may never reach."In writing along this line, Oliver
Wendell Holmes has said:"I say to you in all sadness of
conviction, that to think great
thought you must be heroes as well
as idealists. Only when you have
worked alone—when you have felt
around you a black gulf of solitude
more isolating than that which sur-
rounds the dying man, and in hope
and in despair have trusted to your
own unshaken will—then only will
you have achieved. Thus only can
you gain the secret isolated joy of
the thinker, who knows that, long
after he is dead and forgotten, men
who have never heard of him will be
moving to the measure of his
thought—the subtle rapture of post-
poned power, which the world knows
not because it has no external trap-
pings, but, which to his prophetic
vision is more real than that which
commands an army. And if this joy
should not be yours—still it is only
thus that you can know that you
have done what it lay in you to do
—can say that you have lived, and
be ready for the end" and that you
have served your country, as you
passed this way.

"BE FAIR—STICK TO FACTS"

By V. D. FUGLER
Secretary, State Highway DepartmentThe following editorial appeared in
one of our daily newspapers. The
author of the editorial from all ap-
pearances was very sincere, but he is
laboring under a false impression and
has undertaken to write an editorial
for his paper without the facts be-
fore him. The editorial reads as fol-
lows:"There are in the State of Texas
now, about 700,000 registered auto-
mobiles. The Highway Commission
puts the average tax on these cars at
\$14.70 each, which gives the state an
automobile tax to be used for high-
way purposes, of an amount in excess
of \$10,000,000. It is doubtful whether
\$11.70 is a fair average, but even
though it is, we find a huge sum of
money attached to one central point
to be used for one specific purpose.
Good business and good business
methods would demand that that
money be spent in a business-like way,
and if it were so spent, but very few
of us who pay it would have any rea-
son to complain. However, if reports
are true, it is taking 100 men to handle
the highway department's business
and at the low figures of \$5.00 each,
per day, we find this tax being eaten
up in salaries at the rate of \$5.00 per
day, or at the rate of all of \$1,500,000
per year, to say nothing of other ex-
penses. In the absence of reliable
proof, we would guess that under the
present method of doing business the
highway department spends of the
\$10,000,000 collected all of \$2,000,000
in salaries, traveling and other ex-
penses. The \$2,000,000 never sees the
highways of the state and even if
half of it were put on the roads it
would do a powerful lot of good. We
are not criticizing the department.
Those in charge of it might be doing
all they can possibly do and do it
right, but it does seem that as many
as 100 employees in one department
represents quite a lot of help and with
that many a better showing ought to
be made. We dare say 25 competent
men could do more and better work.
We also venture to state that a better
system than now employed could be
devised and put into operation to the
everlasting benefit and credit of the
State."The author states that it requires
the services of 100 men to handle the
Highway Department's business, at the low
estimate of \$5.00 per day, he states
would about \$1,500,000 per year.The fact is that during the last fiscal
year the Highway Department proper
or the engineering department had
only 47 employees including the High-
way Commission, Highway Engineer,
division engineers, clerks, stenographers
and draftsmen. The total amount
paid out for salaries during the last
fiscal year was \$93,965.00 or less than
one-fifth of 1 per cent of the total
cost of State and Federal Aid projects
completed last year. There were 4,400
miles of State and Federal Aid proj-
ects and then bridges on which State
and Federal Aid was used, completedNo Future Changes to Be Made in
State System of Highways.The Highway Commission at its
February meeting decided that no
future changes or new designations
would be made in the designated
system of State highways.The present system as now designated
has been approved by the Federal Gov-
ernment and the construction of
many of the various highways now
designated as State highways is well
under way, so as to make it imprac-
tical and unsatisfactory to change
the designations from their present
locations.The Commission advises
citizens of this State not to go to
the expense of coming to Austin to
make changes in the present designa-
tions or to have new designations
made.Every effort will be made to
complete the present system of high-
ways as rapidly as possible and to
keep this system in serviceable con-
dition for the traveling public.Bulletin to All Persons Employed by
or Connected with the State
Highway DepartmentAll persons employed by or con-
nected with the State Highway De-
partment are warned not to take a
partisan part in any political cam-
paign for any public office, State or
local.Evidence that any person so
connected with the Highway De-
partment has taken or is taking a
partisan part in any State or locallast year at a cost of between \$47,000,-
000 and \$48,000,000. In addition to
this there were 161 contracts awarded
involving \$18,000,287 and there are
under construction at the present time
1,606 miles of road and nine bridges
involving an estimated cost of \$22,-
081,000. The Highway Department
paid out to the counties last year nearly
\$10,000,000 in State and Federal
Aid. The salaries paid were less than
1 per cent of the actual amount paid
out to the counties. The total travel-
ing expenses of the Highway Depart-
ment during the last fiscal year were
\$13,125.00 which includes the traveling
expense of the Commission, State
Highway Engineer and all division
engineers.The salaries paid to the registration
division of the Highway Department,
which has no more to do with the
building of roads than the Comptrol-
ler's Department, were \$26,660.00.
This division keeps an accurate record
of all motor vehicles registered in
this State. The receipts for 700,000
motor vehicles are received from the
tax collector, audited, typed and filed
in alphabetical, numerical and engine
number files so that when either the
name, the engine number or license
number of a motor vehicle is known, a
full description can be found in a few
minutes from the records. These
duties are imposed upon the Highway
Department by the law and have to
be done with the collection of license
fees. There are 19 persons employed
regularly in this division.The total operating expense for the
Highway Department for the last fiscal
year including salaries, traveling
expense, stationery, printing of re-
ceipts, laws, etc., sundry supplies
postage, office equipment, repairs,
telephone and telegraph expense,
freight, automobile maintenance and
other sundry expense for the engineer-
ing and registration division was only
\$163,450.50, or less than one-third of
1 per cent of the total cost of State
and Federal Aid projects completed
last year, and a little over 1/2 per
cent of the amount actually paid out
through the Department to the counties
for road and bridge construction.We have heard the statement made
by uninformed persons that the High-
way Commission spends great sums of
money traveling all over the world. I
wonder how far the Highway Com-
mission, the State Highway Engineer
and the division engineers of the State
Highway Department, who inspect
regularly all work carried on under
the direction of the Department, could
travel on \$13,000, the entire traveling
expense for last year, less than the
cost of constructing one-half mile of
concrete road.The total operating expense herein-
before enumerated would build less
than four miles of 18 foot concrete
road. It seems that as a matter of
fairness to public officials who are
trying conscientiously to do their duty,
that before a newspaper editor or any
other citizen for that reason, criticizes
he should have the facts before him
and be satisfied as to their accuracy.The Highway Department records are
public and the personnel of the De-
partment in charge of these records
will gladly furnish any information
any citizen of this State desires. Every
cent that is expended can be account-
ed for and accurate records are kept
of every receipt and every disburse-
ment.No Future Changes to Be Made in
State System of Highways.The Highway Commission at its
February meeting decided that no
future changes or new designations
would be made in the designated
system of State highways.The present system as now designated
has been approved by the Federal Gov-
ernment and the construction of
many of the various highways now
designated as State highways is well
under way, so as to make it imprac-
tical and unsatisfactory to change
the designations from their present
locations.The Commission advises
citizens of this State not to go to
the expense of coming to Austin to
make changes in the present designa-
tions or to have new designations
made.Every effort will be made to
complete the present system of high-
ways as rapidly as possible and to
keep this system in serviceable con-
dition for the traveling public.Bulletin to All Persons Employed by
or Connected with the State
Highway DepartmentAll persons employed by or con-
nected with the State Highway De-
partment are warned not to take a
partisan part in any political cam-
paign for any public office, State or
local.Evidence that any person so
connected with the Highway De-
partment has taken or is taking a
partisan part in any State or localpolitical campaign will be a suffi-
cient reason for discharge.The Highway Department is not
a political organization. Its purpose
is to serve the people, and the High-
way Commission earnestly desires
that this organization be removed
from politics as far as possible in
order that its work can progress with
out handicap.State Highway Commission,
By R. M. Hubbard, ChairmanTEAGUE RAISES \$1,100
FOR CROP CONTESTSTEAGUE, Texas, Feb. 26.—Business
men of Teague have subscribed a fund
of \$1,100 to be offered to farmers in
the Teague trade territory for the
best crops grown under certain condi-
tions. Plans for the contest will be

announced soon.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

Farmers State Bank of Mexia
Texas, vs. W. H. Harper, No. 794.In the Justice Court, Precinct No.
4, Limestone County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Limestone County—Greeting:You are hereby commanded, as be-
fore, that you summon W. H. Harper,
by making publication of this citation
once in each week for four consecutive
weeks previous to the return day
hereof, in some newspaper published
in your county, if there be a news-
paper published therein, but if not,
then in the nearest county where a
newspaper is published, to appear at
the Justice Court, Precinct No. 4, Limestone
County, Texas, to be held at my of-
fice in the City of Mexia, Texas, on
the second Tuesday in March, 1924,
same being the 11th day of March
1924, then and there to answer a
petition filed in said court on the 21st
day of November, 1923, in a suit num-
bered 794 on the docket of said court
wherein the Farmers State Bank of
Mexia, Texas, is plaintiff and W. H.
Harper, is defendant, the nature of
plaintiff's demand being as follows:That heretofore to wit, on the 8th day
of March, 1923, defendant made, ex-
ecuted and delivered to plaintiff his
promissory note for \$300.00, due and
payable to order of plaintiff at Mexia,
Texas, on April 1, 1923; that on April
9th, 1923, defendant paid to plaintiff
the sum of \$150.00 leaving an unpaid
balance on said note of \$150.00. That
said note provides for ten per cent
interest per annum from maturity till
paid and further provides for ten per
cent attorneys fees if placed in the
hand of an attorney for collection.That plaintiff has placed said note in
the hands of an attorney for collection
agreed to pay him the ten per cent
provided for in said note. That the
balance on said note is past due and
unpaid and defendant though often
requested has failed and refused and
still fails and refuses to pay the same
or any part thereof, to plaintiff's
damage

New Features Rigorously Tried In Studebaker Laboratories Prior To Adoption For Latest Automobile

Many Operations in Studebaker Construction Require Accuracy to One-tenth Thousandth of Inch.

By G. W. SWEET, Asst. Sales Mgr.

The Studebaker Corporation.

One hundred and twenty-five Studebaker engineers, metallurgists, chemists and mechanics today devote their time and thought to the development and tests of new ideas in motor car design, construction, operation and equipment.

These men play a vital part in the introduction of new models, such as the 1924 Studebakers; in better manufacturing methods, and in constantly guarding the high standards in current production that have long made Studebaker a leader in big-volume manufacture of high-quality, six-cylinder cars.

The laboratories in which these men work are designed, constructed and equipped at great cost to provide proper facilities for the intricate and painstaking work that must be handled.

500,000 Tests Annually

Many thousands of dollars have been spent by Studebaker to equip these laboratories with the finest testing devices, gauges and machinery. Hundreds of these are so finely constructed that they detect imperfections that only the powerful microscope would otherwise disclose.

Laboratory experts are given unlimited freedom in Studebaker's vast plants. They enter into every activity in their search for the ultimate in fine six cylinder motor car creation and construction.

Some select and test steel, iron, brass, wood, leather, glass and other raw materials and special equipment picked at random from the stream that flows like a river into the various mammoth departments. Still others of these one hundred and twenty-five men work out the correct design and check the finished product for satisfactory performance.

Each year more than 500,000 such tests are made in Studebaker laboratories. Gages work in materials, methods, construction, operation and performance are thus eliminated.

Many Precision Operations

In the manufacture of the six cylinder Studebaker models, 1120 individual operations are accurate to one-thousandth of an inch, 300 to one-half thousandth of an inch and many others to one ten thousandth of an inch, or ten times thinner than a cigarette paper. Such accuracy, while exact, makes possible the construction of motor cars that

give enduring, economical and dependable service.

But Studebaker goes far beyond the unusual work of its testing laboratories to safeguard the interests of Studebaker car owners. One thousand skilled inspectors guard against imperfection in manufacture and assembly. Thus men make 30,000 inspections during manufacture before the cars are passed through for final delivery.

Fun Ahead For Lots of Anglers

CISCO, Texas, Feb. 26.—Local

anglers are looking forward to plenty of sport in Lake Cisco soon. Game fish—croppi, bass and perch—are being placed in the lake in large quantities. As soon as they have attained sizable proportions, the lake will be thrown open to the crowds of anglers who are expected to gather.

OUR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO COLUMN

Mrs. M. E. Petty, mother of George E. Petty, lives in Santa Maria, California, and of course she reads the Mexia Daily News regularly. A few days ago in the "Twenty-Five Years Ago" Column one of the ancient items stated that George Petty had sprained his arm while helping push the fire truck, and now George has received a long letter from his mother anxiously asking about the accident, and of course the dear old lady is worried about "her boy." But of course George will promptly write her and explain that as the accident happened a quarter of a century ago, that he has fully recovered and is no longer in danger of losing the use of his arm.

Meet Baylor Choral Club tonight.

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One For All And All For One

EVERYWHERE people are coming to realize more and more how inter-dependant we are upon each other. The only individual who is self-sufficient is a hermit.

The keynote—the foundation of civilization—is the family. We all concede that. And we're rapidly coming to realize that our own home town—is a home town family—simply the family unit a little bit extended through neighborly cordiality, friendship and pleasant social intercourse.

Common good will and recognition of our human obligation is a deeper currency than any money system ever invented. But it is also to our advantage on the material side of life—it rebounds in better practices, living conditions, more generous impulses. It makes Mexia a better place to live.

Let's make our home town unit closer knit. Let's be generous with our good will—realizing that the prosperity of the individual is directly reflected in an added prosperity to our community. Your home industries and merchants have adopted this creed. Will you co-operate?

R. E. Hickman Co.
Dry Goods and Ready-to-wear

Cheeves Bros. & Co.
Department Store

Tidwell's
If It's to Eat

M. P. Butler
Gen'ts Furnishings

Star Store
General Dry Goods and Shoes

J. I. Riddle & Co.
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Dollarhide Hardware Co.
All Kinds of Hardware

Prickett Battery Station
Tom Prickett, Prop.

Wilson & Beene
Grocery and Market

Boston Store
Men's Furnishings

Gene Sinclair
Shoes and Hosiery

V. Wolverton Co.
Hardware

W. A. Jackson Co.
Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Ready-to-wear

John R. Corley Co.
Furniture and Undertaking

Felz Brothers
Grocery and Market

Eberstein's
Gen'ts Furnishings

Higdon-McElroy Co. ~
Mexia's Big Department Store

Diamond Jewelry Co.
Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry

Economy Filling Station, Inc.
Tires, Tubes, Gas and Oil

Style Shop
Ladies' Ready-to-wear

People's Variety Store
We Sell for Less

News Publishing Co.
Publishers and Printers

Hitt & Ellisor
Superior Barber Service

New-Way Laundry
We Treat Your Linen White

Patterson's Column

AN INVALID but happy and
CHEERFUL—IN Waco
I CAN in fancy hear you
SINGING THAT song and see
THE TEARS of joy in "Dick"
ELMORE'S EYES for this Godly
MAN WAS emotional and his
GLORY HALLELUJAHHS reached
THE SKIES I know—
"WILL THERE be Any Stars
IN MY Crown?"
MOTHER—MOTHER sleeping so
PEACEFULLY ON the hillside
AT CISCO that was your
FAVORITE AND your boy
KNOWS THAT there are stars
IN YOUR crown—
YES MEMORIES surge upon
ONE WHEN these songs
ARE SUNG and when an earnest
AND GOOD man expounds the
SIMPLE UNADORNED word of
GOD IN a straightforward
MANNER—ONE is spiritually
REVIVED

**STEP THIS WAY**

—for that new SOLE. We
can make those shoes look
and wear mighty fine. No
use throwing them away
just because they are slightly
worn. Bring them to us.

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AND THERE is a bunch
OF US here in Mexia that
CAN STAND a lot of
"REVIVING" IF you know
WHAT I mean
I THANK you

—Patterson.

**Federal Prison
Is A Good Place
To Recuperate**

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 26.—Victims
of nervous diseases should take a rest
cure in the federal penitentiary at
Leavenworth, Kansas, according to
Sam L. Gross, United States Marshal
for the northern Texas district.

It is no punishment to be confined
in Leavenworth, Gross asserts, but instead
affords "the finest opportunity
in the world" for nervous people to
rest and recuperate.

"Any prisoner who behaves himself,
no matter what his sentence may be,
can enjoy the greatest amount of
liberty," declared Gross following his
return from the federal prison.

"The work is not hard; the silence
rule has been abolished; and there is
always some form of entertainment
during leisure hours."

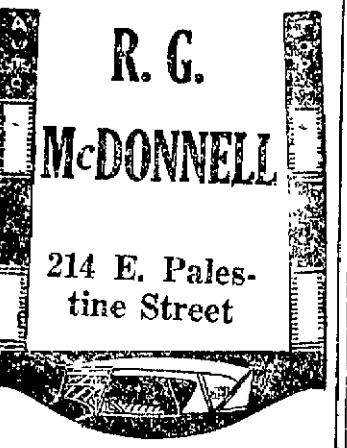
However, in spite of Marshal Gross'
hearty endorsement of the prison as
a place of rest there has been no rush
of tired, nervous persons for reservations.

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It can be done at an
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few dollars—by
tearing out the old
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placing it with new.
We are experts at
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are reasonable.

And we'll re-top
your car too.

Give us a trial.

**Partisanship Is
Running High As
Result of Probe**

By PAUL R. MALLON
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Bitter
partisan feeling growing out of the
Senate oil inquiry threatened early
this week to bring forth new sensational
evidence designed to smear the
names of leaders in both parties.

The name of a Republican presi-
dential candidate, heretofore unmen-
tioned in the scandal, may be drawn
in by Democrats. His son is reported
to have been connected with the Do-
Lean's intimate friends while they
were all together in Palm Beach, Fla.

The telegrams desired are believed
to have been sent between Dec. 28 and
Jan. 8.

It was during a portion of this time
that Stemp visited Palm Beach and
the committee will ask if he commun-
icated with McLean, Fall or the others.

Secretary to President Coolidge.
Stemp was called by Senator Walsh,
Montana, chief investigator, to tell
what he knows of "leaks" from the
committee. Democrats have a strong
suspicion that private information of
the committee has been secretly re-
laxed to men who were to be called
later to the witness stand.

If Stemp's testimony does not de-
velop this fact, the next witness will
be local managers of the local Western
Union and Postal Telegraph companies.
They were subpoenaed to produce all
telegrams addressed to Albert B. Fall,
Edward B. McLean and two of Mc-
Lean's intimate friends while they
were all together in Palm Beach, Fla.

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**He Just "Got Out
And Got Under"**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 26.—
Police made a hasty call to a street
intersection in the residential section

here when a man was reported lying
in the street dead.

When the officers went to the scene
and failed to find the "corpse" they
started an investigation.

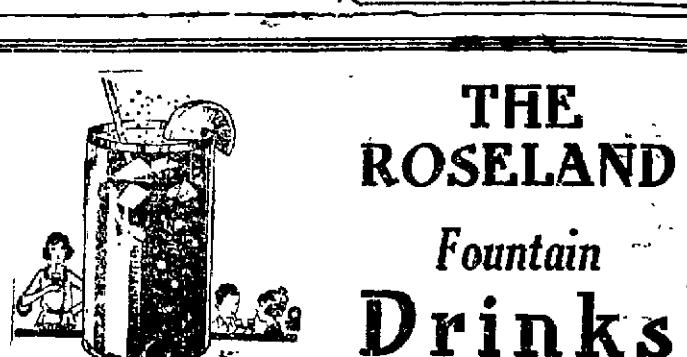
They found the "deceased" was a
chauffeur who was merely lying on
his back while trying to find the rea-
son for his balky machine.

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suffer from dangerous swollen veins
or bunches when the new power-
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ald Oil can readily be obtained at
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tle of Emerald Oil (full strength)
and refuse substitutes. Use as directed
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ments will be noticed then continue
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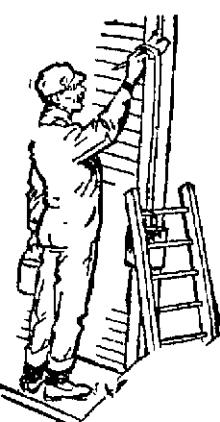
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your house attractive to the
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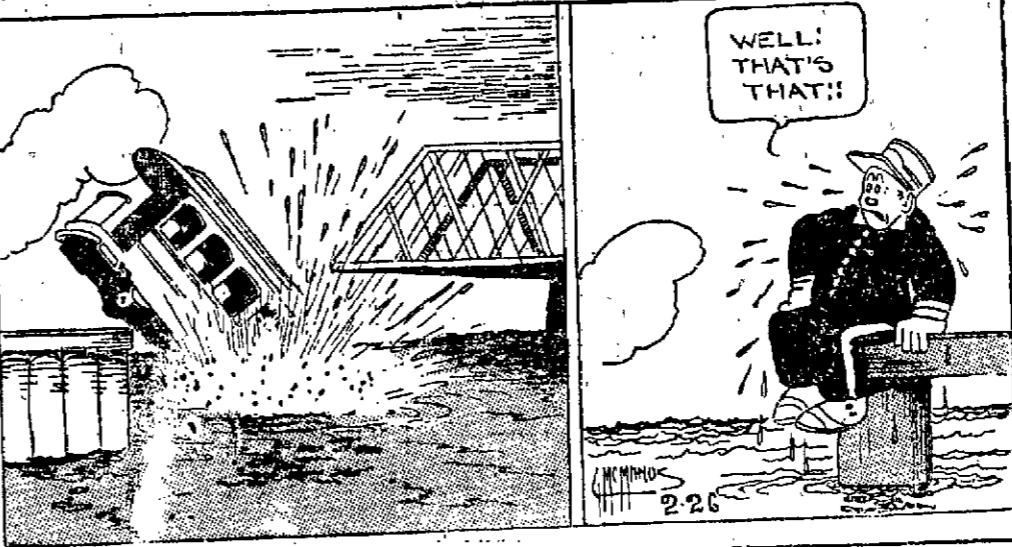
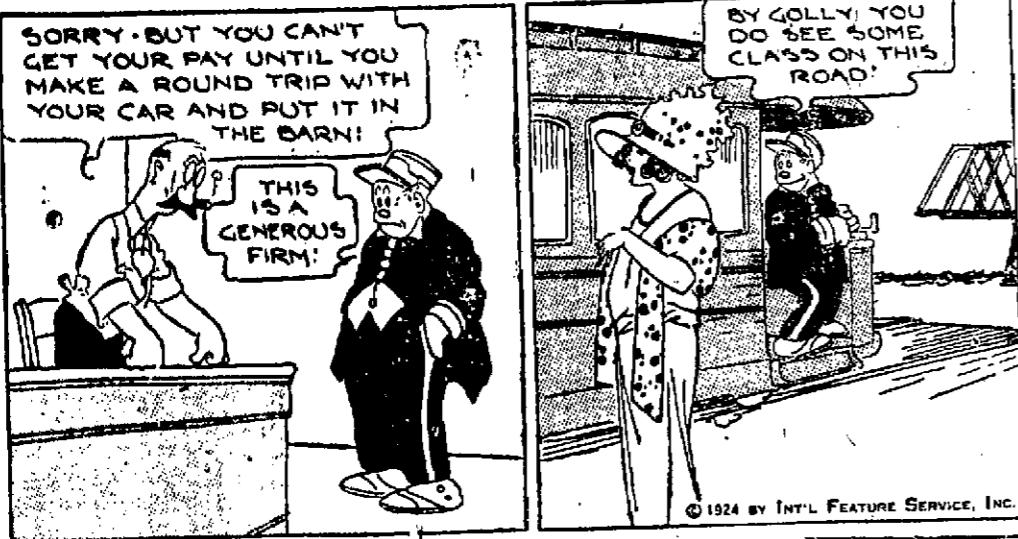
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The Day's Opportunities As Told In The Classified Ads

BRINGING UP FATHER

Bringing Up Father Appears Daily in The Mexia Daily News
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By George McManus



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

CLASSIFIED RATES—One cent a word for each insertion. No single ad taken for less than 25 cents. Everybody reads these little ads, so if you want to buy or sell, or have lost or found any article, here is where you can get good results. No advertisement accepted over the telephone except from those who have a Regular Charge Account.

HELP WANTED—A

WANTED—Confinement cases by experienced nurse. Best of reference. Phone 557-J. 18A30

WANTED—Confinement cases by experienced nurse. Best of reference. Phone 557-J. 30A30

LOST AND FOUND—D.

LOST—White gold wrist watch with M. P. T. engraved on back. Return to Mrs. Travis at E. L. Smith Oil Co., Inc., and receive reward. 22D3

LOST—Masonic emblem watch charm either in H. & T. C. passenger station or in business section. If found return to C. W. Cone, Majestic Hotel. 24D3

WANTED TO BUY—E

WANT TO BUY—J. K. Hughes Developing Company, E. L. Smith Oil Company, Mexia. Heart of Pool Royalty Company, Powell Five Hundred, Jesse McLendon, room 1 McLendon building, Mexia, Texas. 18E30

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—F

WE SELL and exchange all kinds of furniture, floor covering, stoves, and kitchen hardware. M. Langston, new and second hand furniture. Phone 56. May 10th.

FOR SALE—J

HATCHING EGGS—From Tancrede winter laying strain, S. C. White Leghorns, \$1.00 and \$1.50 per dozen. Come and see these layers before you buy. Radley's White Leghorn Farm, Reunion ground, Mexia, Texas, R. I. Box 6. 19J3

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching. Thoroughbred Rhode Island Reds and Barred Rocks. \$1.25 for setting of 15. 305 E. Hunt. Phone 395-W. 24J3

FOR SALE—Good span of mules, harness, cultivator and some plow tools. Will sell at a bargain or trade for Ford car. See Joe Dokupil at J. O. Stephens' store, S. McKinney. 24J4

BARGAINS IN FURNITURE—Everyday. We will extend you credit where we feel that we are able. 10% off on articles above \$2.00 if you pay cash. We buy, sell, and exchange furniture. We also do repair work with a guarantee. Bring this ad with you. Walker's by City Hall, Mexia, by Post Office, Corsicana. 25J4

HOUSES FOR RENT—K

FOR RENT—House on north Kaufman street, with garage. Rent reasonable. See J. E. Nease Lumber Company. 21K7

FOR RENT—Two-story residence, corner Sherman and Milam streets. Apply Jackson Bros. Garage. 22K3

FOR RENT—Five room house with bath and all modern conveniences. C. Felz, 208 South Bonham. Phone 343. 21K1

ROOMS FURNISHED—L

FOR RENT—De table two and three room apartments, conveniently located, all modern conveniences, lights, gas and water, furnished. Reasonable rates. Gates Apartments, 834 East Commerce St. Telephone 633. 21L5

FOR RENT—Two and three room apartments, gas, lights and water. All modern conveniences. 207 South Red River street. Phone 667-W. 21L7

FOR RENT—New 1 room house with bath. Piped for gas and wired for lights. Rent reasonable. 195 East Tyler street, 1/2 block off McKinney. Phone 740. 21L8

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment, lights, heat and water furnished. Just off pavement. Mrs. E. A. Arington, 119 E. Milam. 21L1

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished housekeeping rooms, adjoining bath. Gas, lights, water and gas furnished. Telephone 313-J. 419 S. Sherman. 21L1

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished three room apartment, all conveniences. Call J. E. Mills, phone 552-W. 21L9

Pure bred Jersey bull for service. \$4.00, at Conyers Barn, Mexia, Texas. 17-1

Treadway Elected Black Cat Leader

Barney (Google) Treadway, diminutive forward of the Mexia High Black Cat basketball squad, was elected captain for next year. He was elected by the letter men of the squad at a meeting held at the High School Monday afternoon.

Treadway, although small in stature, is one of the best basketball players on the Black Cat squad. He is rather hard to stay with and has a very accurate eye for the basket from all positions on the court.

Coach Ernest H. Poteet announced the lettermen of the basketball team for the past year and stated that they would receive gold basketballs as a reward for their services to the school this season. The letter men are: Wayne Lucas, captain, Barnett Treadway, Machon Forrest, Hubert Simmons, Loy (Dutch) Cox and Dick Burford.

In glancing over the past basketball season for the Black Cats, and also this is the first season of basketball for the school, we find that most of the team will remain intact for the next season. Coach Poteet also believes that when the sport lovers of the city become more acquainted with the game that its growth in popularity will be great.

Hear Baylor Choral Club tonight.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION STATE OF TEXAS.

City of Mexia, County of Limestone.

On this the 11th day of February, 1924, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, convened pursuant to adjournment in the City Hall, E. Watson, Mayor, W. C. Wilson, Commissioner, and J. R. Forrest, Commissioner, being present, and among other business transacted, the following ordinance was passed:

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance ordering a special election in the City of Mexia, Texas, on the 18th day of March, 1924, for the submission of the question, "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING FROM THE CITY OF MEXIA AT LARGE A CHARTER COMMISSION OF NOT LESS THAN 15 MEMBERS AND DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH SAID ELECTION IS TO BE HELD AND APPOINTING PRESIDING OFFICERS THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

WHEREAS, the City of Mexia,

Texas, has more than 5,000 actual bona fide inhabitants, and whereas, since its incorporation the City has been operating under the General Statutes of Texas, and without a Charter, and whereas, it will be to the best interest and general welfare of said City to adopt a Charter, and thereby confer upon said city the full powers of local self-government, as contemplated and authorized by Article 11, Section 5, Constitution of Texas as amended in 1912, and all laws pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of February, 1924, the following request was made to the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas,

as, for action: "We, the undersigned resident citizens of the City of Mexia, Texas, hereby respectfully request the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners to submit to the voters of said city the question whether a commission shall be chosen to frame a charter for said city, said question to be submitted at the first opportune time," signed by W. J. Keeling and 97 others, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, by a unanimous vote of its members deems it advisable to order an election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city the question "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER," and for the purpose of electing 15 members from the City at large to compose such Charter Commission, and

WHEREAS, the next regular municipal election in and for the City of Mexia, cannot and will not be held until the 9th day of April, 1925 which will be more than 90 days after this ordinance shall have been passed, and it being, therefore, impracticable and impossible to hold the election herein provided for at the next regular municipal election,

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas,

Section 1. That a special election be held Tuesday the 18th day of March 1924, in the City of Mexia, Tex., for the purpose of submitting the following question, to-wit:

"SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER?"

Section 2. That at said election also, there shall be elected from amongst the qualified voters of said city at large 15 Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to frame, report and submit such Charter, in case of a majority of the qualified voters at said election shall vote in favor of the proposition, to choose a Commission to frame such Charter.

Section 3. That the following shall be the form of the ballot to be used in determining the questions provided for in the sections 1 and 2 hereof, at said election, to-wit:

"FOR THE CHOOSING OF A COMMISSION TO FRAME A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MEXIA, TEXAS".

"AGAINST THE CHOOSING OF

Section 4. That the polling place for holding said election shall be the City Hall in the City of Mexia, Tex., and H. L. Hall shall be the presiding officer to hold said election.

Section 5. That said election shall be held under the provision of Chapter 17, Acts of the Legislature of the State of Texas of 1913, Regular Session; and all persons qualified to vote in said City, under the laws of this State, regulating general elections, shall be allowed to vote.

Section 6. That the manner of holding the said election shall be governed by the General Laws of the State of Texas, regulating General Elections, when not in conflict with the provisions of the law hereinabove referred to.

Section 7. That notice of said election shall be given by publishing this ordinance under the style: "NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION" in the Official Newspaper of said city, published in said city, for thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election, and shall serve as legal notice of same.

Section 8. The fact that the City of Mexia, Texas, is at the present time without a Charter, and that the public interest requires a Charter, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the rules requiring ordinances to be read upon more than one day, and for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance and such rules are hereby suspended, and it is ordained that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this the 11th day of February, 1924.

E. WATSON, Mayor.

Attest: R. D. Morgan, City Secretary.

(Feb. 12 to March 17 incl.)

At the time of the armistice there were about 10,000 dogs with the armies of all sides.

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37 Dallas Ft. Worth 5:14 a. m.

17 Dallas Ft. Worth 4:35 a. m.

19 Dallas Ft. Worth 3:55 a. m.

South bound—

346 To cut-off 7:00 a. m.

16 Houston San Antonio 11:45 a. m.

32 From Dallas 10:08 a. m.

38 Austin San Antonio 12:21 a. m.

18 Houston San Antonio 1:37 a. m.

20 Houston San Antonio 12:16 a. m.

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E. L. Smith Oil Company Outlines Plans And Status of The Company In Letter To Its Stockholders

The E. L. Smith Oil Company is today sending out letters to its stockholders, advising them of the recent activities in the Powell field, the plans for the future and financial status of the company.

The letter confirms statements previously made that the E. L. Smith Oil Company had sold its interests on the Whedock, Ballard and Ramsey tracts, at Powell, retaining the 65-acre Cerf lease and large royalty interests there. The Cerf now has one producer owned by the company and another deep well, the No. 2 Cerf, is expected in this week. The present production of the Cerf 1 is around ten barrels daily, while royalty in the field, owned by the E. L. Smith Oil Company, totals 250 barrels.

Added to this is the Mexia royalty which amounts to around 150 barrels daily. This gives the company a steady daily income at present posting, averaging to approximately \$1,000 per day or \$30,000 per month. The business of the company is turning over a very nominal expense, which in fact gives the Mexia business a very gratifying income according to officials and stockholders of the company who are well pleased with its condition.

The company also plans its future operations on a non-sextive basis. These plans include the drilling of a test on a block of acreage, secured for that purpose in East and Hopkins counties.

The location of the test has not yet been definitely decided upon, but the fact that such a test will be made is verified in the letter now going out. The financial affairs of the company are also not gratifying, the letter says that the company is now holding in cash notes and liquid bonds, about \$12,000 while the outstanding stock of the company is \$10,000.

Both E. L. Smith, president, and Blake Smith, vice president, in this connection state, and so say in the letter, that it is not the policy of the company to pay out large dividends and dividends as such but rather to pay a reasonable annual dividend. Successful executives have tested the policy and have found that such a company is to increase the market value of its stock and eventually result in a much larger return to stockholders. The dividend rate for this year will be announced later, according to officials of the company. Since it began about 1916, less than two years ago, the company has consistently declined and diminished, which easily places the E. L. Smith Oil Company in the class of the smallest and least paying company in the oil industry.

Probe Starts On Tex Rickard As To His Scalping

By HENRY L. FARELL (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The government's case for cancellation of the oil leases granted by former Secretary of the Interior Fall and Secretary of Navy Denby to Edward L. Doheny and Harry F. Sinclair will virtually stand or fall by the outcome of injunction suits shortly to be instituted to halt withdrawal of oil from the reserves.

Because of this Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, special presidential counsel in whose hands President Coolidge has placed prosecution of the cases, are taking "exceptional pains" it was stated, to be ready to fight out the major issue of the case in an early stage of the battle. This, it was said, at their offices, explains the delay in taking definite action.

Pomerene and Roberts believe that the defendant oil companies will force the government to show its hand immediately after suit is filed to obtain further oil leases from the reserves. As soon as temporary injunctions are a fact, the counsel anticipate that Sinclair and Doheny will ask the courts for immediate hearings on halting the injunctions, permitting the government into the open.

This applies only to oil suits. Whether criminal action may be undertaken will be taken later with the convening of a special grand jury. The test of Pomerene and Roberts, as we explained today, is difficult because of a lack of documents and testimony to be examined on one hand and the unavailability of much of the same use on the other.

With six assistants, they are holding daily conferences, writing the briefs and turning over to them by the committee drafting committee and writing the briefs for applicable law.

Six Injured In Houston Crash

By HENRY L. FARELL (United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Six persons, including two whites, were injured when the power failed in a street car and it backed down a hill and crashed into an automobile.

THE WEATHER

Houston, Texas.—Tonight generally cool, not so cold in extreme west. Wednesday generally fair and rising in temperature.

West Texas.—Tonight and Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer.

Baylor Choral Club tonight, at the First Baptist Church.

REVOLUTIONISTS OF BULGARIA PROCLAIM A REPUBLIC

ATHENS, Feb. 26.—Unconfirmed reports from the Bulgarian frontier said Premier Zankoff, head of the revolutionary government, had proclaimed a republic. Troops issued a counter proclamation in favor of a Communist State, the report said.

State Is In Red Around \$3,600,000

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 26.—The state treasury deficiency today stood at \$3,000,000, approximately the lowest in six months. Tax collections received today were approximately a million and a half.

A POST-WAR CHAPTER

KINGSTON, N. C. (United Press)

Mingo Cobb is dead. The average reader won't get much knock out of that announcement, but he was well known in this section. He was an old-time darky, who during reconstruction days was the coroner of Lenoir county. He said before his death that he was 115 years old.

Cobb was sexton for a Baptist church many years. Once when water stood deep at the basement entrance, passersby called it to his attention. "That's all right," he said. "This church was built that way—it's a Baptist church."

MOUNT PLEASANT, Feb. 26.—George O. Leidy, of San Antonio, old time Texas Leaguer, has been appointed umpire in chief in the East Texas Baseball League, it was announced here by T. L. Denman, president. Four additional umpires will be selected later.

More than 35 cities and towns in Ohio maintain special classes for mentally defective or backward pupils in the public schools.

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Take Salts If Stomach Isn't Acting Right

SAYS INDIGESTION RESULTS FROM AN EXCESS OF HYDROCHLORIC ACID.

Indigested food delayed in the stomach decays, or rather ferments, the same as food left in the oven sits a mildew authority. He also tells us that indigestion is caused by hydrochloric acid meaning there is an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach which prevents complete digestion and starts food fermentation. Thus everything eaten soaks in the stomach much like garbage soaks in a can, forming acid fluids and gases which inflate the stomach like a toy balloon. Then we feel a heavy, lumpy misery in the chest; we belch up gas; we eructate sour food or have heartburn, flatulence, water-brash or nausea.

He tells us to lay aside all digestive aids and instead get from any pharmacy four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and drink it while it is effervescent, and furthermore, to continue this for a week. While relief often follows the first dose, it is important to help neutralize the acidity, remove the gas-making mass, start the liver, stimulate the kidneys and thus promote a free flow of pure digestive juices.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, and it is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithium and sodium pho-phate. This harmless salt is used for many stomach disorders with excellent results.—(Adv)

Birthday Party for Mrs. J. H. Redden

One of the prettiest and most enjoyable parties of last week was the birthday party given Mrs. Redden by her daughter, Miss Eileen. A host of Mrs. Redden's old and valued friends met with her on the 20th of Feb. and brought with them not only smiles and good wishes but many pretty as well as useful gifts. The house was cozy and inviting with its warmth of winter fires, mingling with the fragrance of Spring flowers placed at vantage points about the rooms.

PARIS.—Georges Carpenter, former European heavyweight champion has been matched to meet Arthur Townley, British heavyweight in a 15 round match in Vienna on April 27, it was announced today.

After a pleasurable reminiscence of olden days, some comment on "these days" and several amusing games had been enjoyed, a most appetizing plate of fruit salad, sardine chips, hot tea and sandwiches were served. About this time all eyes were attracted to the gorgeous birthday cake borne on a silver waiter amid clusters of white narcissus and lighted by eighteen (?) candles in their rosebud holders. Much fun was had at the cutting of the cake. Mrs. Klotz getting the ring, Mrs. Tom White the dime and Mrs. Griffith the thimble. All present proclaimed Miss Eileen a charming hostess and wished for the honoree many more happy returns of the day.

WESTERN UNION

vate secretary of Harry Sinclair, for questioning tomorrow.

For the second time in two days republican leaders thwarted democratic aims to begin a probe of Attorney General Daugherty's administration, while Coolidge and the cabinet advisers sought vainly for a solution of the curious situation. During several conferences at the White House the Wheeler resolution, authorizing a special committee to investigate Daugherty's conduct of the Department of Justice, was postponed until tomorrow. Coolidge and cabinet members meanwhile adjourned and stated officially that no statement from the White House would result from their deliberations on the Daugherty case.

Munich, Germany, was founded by the monks.

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FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

BUFFALO.—With a fast finish in the sixth round during which round he panted Young Strublin, Georgia, light-heavyweight all over the ring, Jimmy Slattery, 19 year old Buffalo middleweight won a six round decision here last night. The fighting was fairly even for five rounds but the decision went to Slattery after he had shown up the Georgia youth in the last round.

PARIS.—Georges Carpenter, former European heavyweight champion has been matched to meet Arthur Townley, British heavyweight in a 15 round match in Vienna on April 27, it was announced today.

NEW YORK.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, will go on the table today for a minor operation. He expects to leave for California for a rest of two or three days.

EAST CHICAGO, Ind.—Mickey O'Dowd, Munich bantamweight won nine out of twelve rounds in his bout with "Mutt" Snyder of Dayton.

COLUMBUS.—Phil O'Dowd, Columbus bantamweight won nine out of twelve rounds in his bout with "Mutt" Snyder of Dayton.

BAYLOR COLLEGE GLEE CLUB HEARD AT A. & M. COLLEGE

BRYAN, Texas, Feb. 26.—Members of the Baylor College (Belton) Glee Club gave a recital at the A. & M. College Monday evening. These girls are always entertained in Bryan homes on their visits to the College. Bryan representatives on the club this year are Miss Louise Pipkins, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Pipkins, and Miss Aline Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sidney Smith.

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NEW SENSATION PROMISED IN OIL SCANDAL

Snow Damage In Mexia And Nearby Places Heavy

New Railroad To Serve A Big Area Of Great Promise

New Territory To Be Opened By Line To Pt. Arthur

By Ben F. Stollenwerck

The first article of this series was a general preliminary explanatory statement, and the second article dealt with the situation as related to Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine Railway and the industrial district from Beaumont to Port Arthur. This article will deal with the situation as related to the territory from Beaumont to Weldon.

By consulting a map it will be found that the W. B. T. & S. railway now has a line extending from Weldon to Livingston which is the line to be extended to Beaumont. It is understood that trackage arrangements have already been closed with the Santa Fe to reach Beaumont over the Santa Fe tracks.

At the hearing in progress in Austin last week, it was developed that to a very large extent that the pine and hardwood timber lands in East Texas have been what is termed "cut over," that is to say, that the large timber has been cut off in that territory except a large portion which will be tributary to the new line and is now principally owned by the West Lumber Company. It was shown that the town of Livingston has had a healthy growth ever since the existing line was built, that the road was originally built to haul logs over, but that when the timber was cut off that the territory adjacent to the road for a number of miles on each side had developed into a profitable farming district, and that the East and Southeast end of Polk County has not developed conclusively demonstrating that the building of this road has developed a commercial tonnage of a permanent nature.

It was shown that in the territory now remote from the railroad that there was still a wealth of timber. It was also shown that in the forest of long leaf yellow pine, that the land is impoverished by the falling of the pine needles on the ground, and that when the pine forests are cut off and the land is placed in cultivation, under the judicious treatment, it speedily gains fertility and is productive.

It was shown that in the territory Northwest of Weldon, in Houston county, and between Weldon and Jewett in Leon county, that there are rich hardwood timber forests consisting of ash, oak, hard gum, hickory, Bois d'arc and other hard woods. It was also pointed out that the valley of the Trinity river is very fertile, in fact a man testified that late in 1922 he purchased 2400 acres of land near Weldon for \$103,000.00, and that the 1922 cotton crop paid for it.

It was shown that the building of this line to Weldon has developed farming country in the neighborhood of Weldon that did not exist previous to the construction of this line.

It will also be seen that when this line is constructed the principal points on same will be Port Arthur, Beaumont, Livingston, Trinity, Jewett, Mexia and Waco.

The next article will conclude the series and will deal with the testimony as developed in the case regarding the territory Northwest of Weldon, the work that was done in behalf of Mexia and the relation of the line to the traffic in Central-West Texas, Northwest of Waco, particularly by branch of the Katy, formerly the Texas Central, extending from Waco, McLennan county to Rotan, Fisher county, a distance of 269 miles. The distance from Waco to Beaumont by the proposed route will be about 235 miles.

Many of the first wall papers were brought in England by the merchants of East Indies.

64 Years Old But Has Only Had Fifteen Birthdays



John R. Courtney, of Atlanta, Georgia, one of those unfortunate persons whose birthday is only celebrated in Leap Year. Although it seems as though Mr. Courtney should have had sixteen birthdays, he has been cheated out of one since on the turn of the century even leap year is skipped.

He had no birthday from 1896 until 1904. Mr. Courtney is giving a real birthday party to celebrate whose birthday occurs on February 29th. Mr. Courtney is here shown anticipating the day of his anniversary of birth.

Oklahoman Shot By Hostonian In Foreign Country

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 26.—J. E. Hopkins, Kingfisher, Oklahoma, operator on the steamer "Saucon" was shot and killed in Rotterdam, Holland, by D. A. Cameron, Houston, chief officer, according to a radiogram received here. The shooting climaxed a quarrel between the two men, the advices said. Cameron is being held by Amerstam.

Fourteen Cars Derailed Near Marshall, Texas

MARSHALL, Texas, Feb. 26.—Fourteen cars of a northbound Texas and Pacific freight train piled up when the train ran through an open switch near here. The cars were loaded with perishable vegetables for northern markets, were derailed and overturned. There were no casualties.

McLean Testifies That Fall Didn't Cash His Checks

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Edward B. McLean's bank accounts when he testified he wrote \$100,000 worth of checks to former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall totaled only \$4,950, according to testimony before the Teapot Dome committee. Officials of three Washington banks where the publisher accounts at that time disclosed: Federal American bank, \$2,202; Commercial bank, \$1,743; Riggs National bank, \$1,005. McLean testified that he wrote the checks but that Fall later returned them and they were destroyed without being cashed.

Grandchildren Are Remembered in Will

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 26.—Three grandchildren of E. O. Tenison, wealthy banker who died here Feb. 17, were named beneficiaries of a \$25,000 trust fund under terms of the will filed for probate in local court. The bulk of the banker's \$350,000 estate was left to the widow. Three children received \$25,000 each.

Cultivation of peas netted two Idaho farmers more than \$9000.

Western Union Records Aid In Teapot Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The name of a big politician, not an official of the government, was drawn into the oil lease scandal when the Teapot committee delved into telegrams of Edward McLean. The identity of the politician was not established definitely, but if it is the man the committee thinks a new sensational story of official intrigue is expected. Perusal of the telegrams by the committee also revealed that Fall through McLean, maintained a close touch with every move of the committee then sitting in Washington, that two thirds of the telegrams concerned the oil investigation; that McLean maintained a leased wire from Washington to Palm Beach, and that no member of the investigating committee communicated via the Western Union with Fall or McLean. Tomorrow the committee will examine the files of the Postal Telegraph.

One hundred telegrams sent to former Secretary of the Interior Fall and Edward McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, during their December stay at Palm Beach, were presented to the Senate Teapot Dome committee. H. T. Taft, Washington superintendent of the Western Union, gave the committee a bundle of records from his office files. The committee immediately went into secret session. The telegrams were called for in the committee's efforts to learn the source of suspected leaks to persons involved in the oil scandal. The committee sought to determine if government officials advised Fall or McLean what course they should pursue. Senator Walsh, before the meeting, announced there is no present intention to summon Attorney General Daugherty about dealings with Sinclair stock. Walsh said he would subpoena G. B. Waneberg, former pri-

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Grandmother Denning Passes Away

Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. C. Roller, grandmother Denning passed away.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Denning was born August 25, 1836, Frederick, Maryland.

At the age of nineteen years she was married to Benjamin Denning, of Hardy County, Va., which place they resided for four years, after which they moved to Winchester, Kentucky. In 1876 they moved to Fredstone County, Texas, and for the past 31 years has lived in Mexia.

To this union was born seventeen children, nine of whom survive her. Living in Mexia are the following: Mrs. H. C. Roller, Joe Denning, J. F. Denning, Tom Denning; those out of Mexia are Mrs. Elizabeth Patton of Teague, S. P. Denning of Roswell, New Mexico; B. F. Denning of Beaumont, Texas; Jake Denning of St. Louis, Mo.; Dave Denning, of Marlin, Texas. Two sisters, Mrs. Emma Steele, and Mrs. Jennie Burdett, of Frederick, Maryland.

Grandmother Denning lived to know seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the First Presbyterian Church, Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, with all ministers of the city assisting her pastor, Dr. Hudson.

Honorary Pall Bearers

Dr. Oates, Dr. Goolsby, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Brown, Dr. McKenzie, Rev. Hudson, Rev. Putman, Rev. W. B. Perkins, M. Adams, Bob Adams, Traty McKenzie, Jesse McLendon,

Get Rich Quick Wallingford Is Victim Of Quick Death Tuesday

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—George Randolph Chester, novelist, and known widely as the author of "Get Rich Quick Wallingford," died at his apartment here of heart disease. Death was sudden, Chester having talked yesterday with his publishers.

Lions Club Is Planning Big Time Friday

Jere Cason states that arrangements are being perfected for the big annual affair of the Lions and their ladies for next Friday night. The banquet and social will be held at the Reunion Grounds where the club house will be all fixed up for one of the most brilliant affairs of the season. The entertainment to be provided is said to be of the very highest class and those who attend are certain to enjoy one of the treats of their lives.

Vaudeville Stars Caught In Raid

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Billy Van and Joe Schenck, the "Gallagher and Shean" of vaudeville, are singing a new hit—"We Don't Know Where They Got It," following their arrest in a raid by dry officers. The prohibition sleuths said the "vodil" artists owned an interest in the cafe which was raided. Patrons were said to be laden inside and out with liquor but "Van and Schenck" when released on bond sang "We Don't Know Where They Got It."

Ninety-five per cent of the students of Garrett Biblical Institute work their way through the course.

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Reporter Who Bared Oil Lease Scandal.



D. F. Stackelbeck, star reporter on the Denver, Colo., Post, at the instigation of the owners of the paper, uncovered the sudden return to affluence of ex-Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, of New Mexico, the result of which was the uncovering of the scandal surrounding the leasing of naval oil reserves.

Garage Filled With Autos Falls In On Them

Citizens of Mexia and surrounding communities awoke this morning to find the sun shining brightly above a blanket of snow, which is spreading out over buildings, telephone and power lines and over the ground had occasioned many awnings to collapse, the W. K. Turner and Son Garage to cave in, poles to be pulled to the earth and wires to be crossed in a veritable net work of wreckage, all totaling a loss which will mount into the thousands of dollars before cleared and rebuilt. In parts of the city, no power or lights were available for several hours, on account of the lines having broken under the strain of the heaviest snow which has fallen in this section in years. The water was also shut off for several hours, the citizens resorting in many instances to snow drift to wash their faces in and to meet the other necessities of the moment.

The Gas Company's awning, in front of their downtown office on Main street was one of the awnings to collapse. The one in front of the Stanley Paint and Paper Company on North Sherman was another.

The Community Power and Light Company suffered heavy damages, it being estimated that at least fifty poles in the city limits were down, while workmen had been called to Wortham, Thornton, Teague and other nearby neighboring points early in the morning to repair the damage that was being wrought there.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is understood to have suffered some loss, too, about a hundred phones being reported out of commission early in the day.

The heaviest damage of all was that at W. K. Turner and Sons Garage on Palestine street, which fell in last night about 9:00 o'clock. The large storage room was chock full of automobiles and cars placed there by various individuals. Practically the entire building, with the exception of the front fell in, practically every car receiving some damage. Some of the cars, in fact, were severely damaged. The building, a brick, had been built only about a year. Damage to the building will be practically total, which probably runs above \$7,500 while the damage to the automobiles will likely amount to several thousand dollars. All of this damage, too, was not covered by insurance, it is understood, at it was of the unusual kind and of a class not covered in ordinary insurance. It is hoped however the loss will not be as great as at first expected. Workmen went to work early this morning to clear the wrecks and hundreds visited the place during the day.

All over town men were out with shovels and on top of buildings as well, clearing the snow heap. The snow rapidly melted in the warm sunshine.

Between Mexia and neighboring towns many lines are reported down and workmen have been sent there also to make repairs and normal conditions will soon be established again. Considerable damage was also done in the oil fields, the extent of which cannot be estimated.

No serious injuries have been reported.

Klan Women Buy Community Club

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 26.—The Powell Training School near Southern Methodist University here has been purchased by trustees of the local women of the Ku Klux Klan. The building will be converted into a community club house.

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IRREGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Irregular school attendance causes the waste of \$250,000,000, one-quarter of the money spent for public education in the United States in 1923, according to statisticians of the United States Bureau of Education. The people who paid the taxes robbed themselves of this amount and at the same time deprived their own children of an average of two-months schooling.

More than 22,000,000 children were enrolled in the public schools of the country and the schools were open an average of about eight months. Nearly 700,000 teachers were employed and that number was sufficient to instruct every child enrolled every day of the eight months the schools were in session, say the Bureau of Education officials. The total cost in all the States combined was about one billion dollars. By allowing their children to miss school one-quarter of the time parents caused the waste of one-quarter of the money paid to run the schools.

Better sidewalks in Mexia would enable this school district to show a greater school attendance. But parents, under difficulties, should give their utmost cooperation to prevent too heavy a loss from non-attendance. Not only does it cost as much to run the school when a big per cent is absent, but the children lose in the training that they would otherwise obtain.

A PRACTICAL PROGRAM FOR 1924

Mexia's needs are numerous. Some of them are major while others are minor. Some of them create imperative demands upon the public, if Mexia is to become a bigger and better city. While achieving big things, the little ones should not be neglected.

The News offers the following list of needs that should be given attention in 1924 and carried to a successful conclusion:

1. The water situation completely solved. Mexia's water situation is not fully understood by many citizens. The conditions are by no means bad. In fact they are very promising. With an adequate supply of water available and of a pure quality, the proposition is largely one of bringing it to town and having at all times a reserve close at hand to take care of the city for a reasonable period in case of accident, breaking of the main leading to the corporate limits, or in case of a big fire. The News suggests a committee of citizens to go over the situation immediately, appointed by the city officials to make recommendations that will at all times assure Mexia an abundance of pure water and prevent a recurrence of a water scarcity experienced last summer, to lead ultimately also to a reduction in the price to the consumer.

2. More light for Mexia streets, with particular attention to dark spots in the residential areas, alleys, in front of all local churches and schools, and a White Way for the business district. These are mentioned in the order of their importance.

3. A Memorial Building, including a City Auditorium, which may be used as a community center, and also so arranged as to enable Mexia to become a convention center in this part of Texas.

4. The Hughes City Park beautified and equipped so that it may prove a real playground for the children and a place of recreation and rest for all, with attention also given to a tourist camp for parties traveling through in autos on cross country trips.

5. A ceaseless campaign for public health, with constant attention by citizens to their premises in cooperation with the city sanitary department; no open sewers and cess pools of filth and disease; and all possible breeding spots for mosquitoes bitten frequently, and the paved streets kept clean all the time.

6. Realizing agriculture is the permanent basis for general prosperity in this section, The News urges a more zealous endeavor to cooperate with the farmers of this territory in land conservation; the development of fertilizing plants and the offering of premiums on best farm crops for 1924,—along the lines recently suggested by J. W. Stabenrauch.

7. A larger tin bucket brigade for Mexia—the new cotton mills to be the initial step forward in making this an industrial center of great moment.

8. Always back up campaigns of local churches and schools in their ambitious plans to meet the spiritual and educational and social needs of the community.

9. The paving program completed, including the paving of the alleys and the improvement of all unpaved streets.

10. Constant encouragement should be given to home seekers and home builders.

11. A new city charter to suit conditions, properly presented and fully discussed and understood by the citizens prior to the day they are called to the polls to vote on it.

12. Lower fire insurance key rate, and lower rates for all public utilities as rapidly as consistent with public weal.

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF MEXIA ELKS
FOR FRIDAY
NIGHT**

A special meeting of Mexia Elks has been called at the Elks Club on Friday night. According to Exalted Ruler, Frank Bolton, this is a very important meeting and a full attendance is strongly urged.

The program for March has been announced as follows:

March 7th regular meeting.

March 14th, regular dance.

March 21st, initiation full formal parade with the band in uniform, initiation starting at 6 p. m. sharp. Be sure to have your candidate at the Club by that time.

March 28th regular dance.

Baylor Choral Club tonight, at the First Baptist Church.

CITIZENSHIP

Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair

No citizen has a right to intellectual ambition until he has learned to lay his course by a star which he has never seen—"to dig by the guiding rod for springs which he may never reach."

In writing along this line, Oliver Wendell Holmes has said:

"I say to you in all sadness of conviction, that to think great thought you must be heroes as well as idealists. Only when you have worked alone—when you have felt around you a black gulf of solitude more isolating than that which surrounds the dying man, and in hope and in despair have trusted to your own unshaken will—then only will you have achieved. Thus only can you gain the secret isolated joy of the thinker, who knows that, long after he is dead and forgotten, men who have never heard of him will be moving to the measure of his thought—the subtle rapture of postponed power, which the world knows not because it has no external trappings, but which to his prophetic vision is more real than that which commands an army. And if this joy should not be yours—still it is only thus that you can know that you have done what it lay in you to do—can say that you have lived, and be ready for the end" and that you have served your country, as you passed this way.

"BE FAIR—STICK TO FACTS"

By V. D. FUGLER
 Secretary, State Highway Department

The following editorial appeared in one of our daily newspapers. The author of the editorial from all appearances was very sincere, but he is laboring under a false impression and has undertaken to write an editorial for his paper without the facts before him. The editorial reads as follows:

"There are in the State of Texas now, about 700,000 registered automobiles. The Highway Commission puts the average tax on these cars at \$14.70 each, which gives the state an automobile tax to be used for highway purposes, of an amount in excess of \$10,000,000. It is doubtful whether \$14.70 is a fair average, but even though it is, we find a huge sum of money attracted to one central point to be used for one specific purpose. Good business and good business methods would demand that that money be spent in a business-like way, and if it were so spent, but very few of us who pay it would have any reason to complain. However, if reports are true, it is taking 100 men to handle the highway department's business and at the low figures of \$5.00 each, per day, we find this tax being eaten up in salaries at the rate of \$5.00 per day, or at the rate of all of \$1,500.00 per year, to say nothing of other expenses. In the absence of reliable proof, we would guess that under the present method of doing business the highway department spends of the \$10,000,000 collected all of \$2,000,000 in salaries, traveling and other expenses. The \$2,000,000 never sees the highways of the state and even if half of it were put on the roads it would do a powerful lot of good. We are not criticizing the department. Those in charge of it might be doing all they can possibly do and it right, but it does seem that as many as 100 employees, in one department represents quite a lot of help and with that many a better showing ought to be made. We dare say 25 competent men could do more and better work. We also venture to state that a better system than now employed could be devised and put into operation to the everlasting benefit and credit of the State."

The author states that it requires the services of 100 men to handle the Highway Department's business, at the low estimate of \$5.00 per day, he states would amount to \$1,500.00 per year. The fact is that during the last fiscal year the Highway Department proper or the engineering department had only 47 employees including the Highway Commission, Highway Engineer, division engineers, clerks, stenographers and draftsmen. The total amount paid out for salaries during the last fiscal year was \$63,000.00 or less than one-fifth of 1 per cent of the total cost of State and Federal Aid projects completed last year. There were 4,400 miles of State and Federal Aid projects and then bridges on which State and Federal Aid was used, completed

last year at a cost of between \$47,000,000 and \$48,000,000. In addition to this there were 161 contracts awarded involving \$13,000,287 and there are under construction at the present time 1,606 miles of road and nine bridges

involving an estimated cost of \$22,681,000. The Highway Department paid out to the counties last year nearly \$10,000,000 in State and Federal Aid. The salaries paid were less than 1 per cent of the actual amount paid out to the counties. The total traveling expenses of the Highway Department during the last fiscal year were \$13,125.00 which includes the traveling expense of the Commission, State Highway Engineer and all division engineers.

The salaries paid to the registration

division of the Highway Department, which has no more to do with the building of roads than the Comptroller's Department, were \$26,660.00. This division keeps an accurate record of all motor vehicles registered in this State. The receipts for 700,000 motor vehicles are received from the tax collector, audited, typed and filed in alphabetical, numerical and engine number files so that when either the name, the engine number or license number of a motor vehicle is known, a full description can be found in a few minutes from the records. These duties are imposed upon the Highway Department by the law and have to do only with the collection of license fees. There are 19 persons employed regularly in this division.

The total operating expense for the

Highway Department for the last fiscal year including salaries, traveling expense, stationery, printing of receipts, laws, etc., sundry supplies, postage, office equipment, repairs, telephone and telegraph expense, freight, automobile maintenance and other sundry expense for the engineering and registration division was only \$163,450.50, or less than one-third of 1 per cent of the total cost of State and Federal Aid projects completed last year, and a little over 1 1/2 per cent of the amount actually paid out through the Department to the counties for road and bridge construction.

We have heard the statement made

by uninformed persons that the Highway Department spends great sums of

money traveling all over the world. I

wonder how far the Highway Com-

mission, the State Highway Engineer

and the division engineers of the State

Highway Department, who inspect

regularly all work carried on under

the direction of the Department, could

travel on \$15,000, the entire traveling

expense for last year, less than the

cost of constructing one-half mile of

concrete road.

The total operating expense herein-

before enumerated would build less

than four miles of 18 foot concrete

road. It seems that as a matter of

fairness to public officials who are

trying conscientiously to do their duty,

that before a newspaper editor or any

other citizen for that reason, criticizes,

he should have the facts before him

and be satisfied as to their accuracy.

The Highway Department records are

public and the personnel of the De-

partment in charge of these records

will gladly furnish any information

any citizen of this State desires. Every

cent that is expended can be ac-

counted for and accurate records are kept

of every receipt and every disburse-

ment.

No Future Changes to Be Made in

State System of Highways.

The Highway Commission at its

February meeting decided that no

future changes or new designations

would be made in the designated

system of State highways. The pres-

ent system as now designated has

been approved by the Federal Gov-

ernment and the construction of

many of the various highways now

designated as State highways is well

under way, so as to make it imprac-

tical and unsatisfactory to change

the designations from their present

locations. The Commission advises

citizens of this State not to go to

the expense of coming to Austin to

urge changes in the present designa-

tions or to have new designations

made. Every effort will be made to

complete the present system of high-

ways as rapidly as possible and to

keep this system in serviceable con-

dition for the traveling public.

Bulletin to All Persons Employed by

or Connected with the State

Highway Department

All persons employed by or con-

nected with the State Highway De-

partment are warned not to take a

partisan part in any political cam-

aign for any public office, State or

local. Evidence that any person so

connected with the Highway De-

partment has taken or is taking a

partisan part in any State or local

political campaign will be a suffi-

cient reason for discharge.

The Highway Department is not

a political organization. Its purpose

is to serve the people, and the High-

way Commission earnestly desires

that this organization be removed

from politics as far as possible in

New York Honored Sea Captain, Hero of Yokohama Harbor



EMRESS OF AUSTRALIA, CRACK TRANS-PACIFIC LINER.

"We know that the lives of all on board the ship during the first two days were constantly in the hands of you, your officers and crew. It was your able, skillful and courageous handling of many critical situations that saved us all."

What higher tribute could be voiced by grateful men and women who had been snatched from almost certain death by the calm and efficient action of a ship's commander? This testimonial was sent to Captain Samuel Robinson, C. B. E., R. N. R., commander of the Canadian Pacific S. S. Empress of Australia, who had saved his ship and all his passengers and, in addition, had rescued some 3,000 refugees from the earthquake horrors of Yokohama. The originators of this testimonial were members of the American Relief Commission who were on the ship, including John W. Doty, president of The Foundation Company of New York.

CAPT. SAMUEL ROBINSON

The Empress of Australia was just about to sail from her pier in Yokohama on that tragic Sept. 1st, when the catastrophe occurred. Hemmed in by helpless boats, deserted by its attendant tug-threatened by the burning pier and vast areas of blazing oil floating on the harbor, there was every reason to believe that the Empress of Australia was doomed. But Captain Robinson's superb seamanship, gained by many years' sea service, saved the boat and all on board. The grateful passengers presented the ship with a bronze tablet, commanding the bravery of officers and men. The Canadian Pacific honored the brave hero by putting him in command of their finest and the fastest trans-Pacific liner, S. S. Empress of Canada.

for her Round-America and Round-the-World cruises. King George V. honored Captain Robinson by conferring on him the order of Commander of the British Empire.

Captain Robinson was honored and acclaimed at various western American ports at which the Empress of Canada stopped on her way around America via the Panama Canal. His greatest reception and ovation, however, was in New York City where dinners were tendered him by the Canadian Society, the Canadian Club and other organizations. Premier Baldwin's letter notifying the Captain, officially, of his new honor, the ceremony of presenting medal taking place on the ship's bridge.

The Empress of Canada with Captain Robinson on her bridge, sailed from New York on Jan. 30th, with a full list of world-cruising passengers, for a four months' voyage, visiting four continents and coming into touch with fifty nationalities.

Draft Makes Young Players Hustle!

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (United Press)—Owners of minor league clubs insist that it would not be practical and would not be good business for them to agree to a restoration of the old draft agreement by which the major leagues were entitled to the best of the minor league players, for the nominal draft price.

Club owners naturally consider business first and there is much to support their argument that it would not be a sound financial move to allow a major league club to draw a star player and pay \$5,000 for him when the same player might be sold on the open market for \$50,000.

Minor league managers, however, are more inclined to look at the practical side because they are paid to develop a winning team and their salary depends entirely upon the degree of success they meet with.

During the recent baseball meeting here, some very interesting opinions on the draft as it affects the playing standard of the minor leagues were voiced by a former minor league manager, one of the best in the business, who is now affiliated with a prominent major league club.

"I have had my own ideas in the past," he said, "but as my employer was not in favor of the draft, it would have been inconsistent and, at the same time, unwise for me to express my views to the contrary.

"I have always felt, and I feel now, that the draft was a fine thing for baseball and that it made the minor leagues because it inspired the player to hustle. You can have good baseball only when the players do hustle."

"Supposing I have two or three good young ball players on my club and they are ambitious to get in the major leagues, I wouldn't give a rap for a young player who didn't aspire to get in the big league. They come to me and ask me if I couldn't do something to get them up on the big time, and I would tell them, as I have told many young players: 'Get out and hustle and you'll be drafted by some major league club. They like hustlers in the major leagues and once you get there you'll get plenty of help if you have the right spirit.'

"I have observed the contract in the spirit of young players since the draft was turned down against that of the old days when the majors used to get together at the end of the season and draw the darts from the minors."

"When the draft was working young players used to hustle from the first to the last game of the season. They were in there all the time. They didn't go wide into a base and they didn't swing at anything that came up to them. They figured that they had a

chance to cash in on their extra efforts and went to it."

"Now they know that when they develop to the point where they are wanted in the majors that their boss will demand some exorbitant sum for them and that they will not get the chance to go up. They get the idea that they are a major league player and they demand a major league player's salary. If they don't get what they want, they will play for you, but they'll only give you two hours' work a day, and not very serious work at that."

NEW SECRETARY OF THE NAVY INEVITABLE ALL ALONG

(Special Correspondence)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Either President Coolidge requested Secretary Denby's resignation for the Cabinet or Mr. Denby volunteered to withdraw.

If the President asked his Secretary

of the Navy to quit his post, then all the strong language about executive independence and responsibility and Senatorial interference proves to have been vain show, since he has done what the Senate urged as a matter of propriety.

If Secretary Denby took the initiative without a request or hint from the President, the latter need expect little public commendation for the elimination of a disgraced official of his household whose actions he sought to defend in the face of a bad showing and an ignorant public opinion and for whom he definitely declared he accepted full responsibility.

The fact is, of course, that no matter what Denby said in bravado or the President uttered in bad temper, it was inevitable from the beginning that there would soon be a new Secretary of the Navy.

The clackers who acclaimed President Coolidge's "cool courage" two weeks ago when he refused to oust Denby will be at a loss to bestow their applause rightly now when there appears to be some doubt whether Denby's departure is due to his own discomfiture or the President's.

The military authorities may use the public schoolhouses for the instruction of illiterate soldiers, according to a recent order of the Ministry of Education of Czechoslovakia.

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hope as he quickly explained that he was a traveling salesman.

Mr. Phillips is out."

Major and I came on around to the News laughing over the incident, when we had our attention called to the versatility of Tom Meador of Mexia—the photographer. He had just put up a new sign at the foot of the stairs leading to his studio, which read:

"Babies enlarged and tinted."

Baylor Choral Club tonight, at the First Baptist Church.

Letters from People

BASEBALL A TOWN BUDRER, TOO

To the Editor of The News:
The writer has been informed that at the baseball meeting called for Monday night that there were less than one dozen enthusiasts present, but it should be said that the extreme inclemency of the weather was such that even this number should be regarded as encouraging rather than discouraging.

It is a fact that the Mexia Chamber of Commerce has never been asked to do a great deal for the baseball team, largely on account of the fact that those at the head of the baseball club are able to take care of its affairs so well and that they realize that the Chamber of Commerce generally has its hands full, so therefore these matters have not been a burden on the Chamber of Commerce. In other towns of the size of Mexia and even larger, the Chamber of Commerce backs the ball club just as actively as it backs good road programs and other civic undertakings and the merchants, banks, etc., realize the value of the league. Ball clubs as an advertisement and lend it active encouragement and liberal financial support.

No official action on the ball club has ever been taken by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, but the still small voice of the secretary says that he is with the ball team from the first crack of the bat until the last ball is pitched.

From a careful observation it would appear that the value of a baseball club as an advertisement to the town is not as universally appreciated as it should be. In the first place it furnishes amusement that is clean and wholesome and with out a successful rival. It brings people to the town that would not come otherwise, it is a mark of distinction between a real live town and a "nick" town, no cross road bubs have league ball teams. It places Mexia in the columns of the State newspapers every day, 95% of the newspaper readers are baseball fans and they every one read the baseball column. It costs something it is true, but everything worth while costs something, and its value in dollars and cents to the town can be computed in the many hundreds of dollars.

The object of this article is to urge every public spirited concern to lend its quota of support to the ball club. Life is a give and take proposition, you may not be a baseball fan, but you help us and sometime we will help you. If you say "I don't care anything about baseball" it would be fair for us to say when you come to us that "we do not care about your proposition," and in that way we would not have a town. We would just have a place where there were a few stores. Let's all get together and co-operate in putting over the ball club big and strong and let the word go out that Mexia is ready and rearing to go, and that these other Texas Association clubs had better "have something on their ball" when they meet the Mexia nine.

Let's start right now to place the Texas Association flag on the pole at Gusher Park.

Your for a ball team,
Ben F. Stollenwerck.

Kindergartens have been established in 18 Iowa consolidated schools, located in 15 counties. The population in these districts ranges from 150 to 4,100 and in mine districts is fewer than 1,000.

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTS

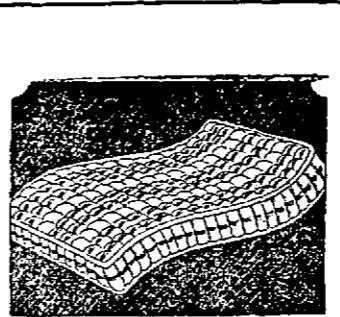
As I came down town today, Ben Hunt was sitting on a settee out in front of Gene Sinclair's Shoe Store. What in the world are you doing here on day like this, I asked. He then told me that he was getting local color for a poem on The Fleecy Flakes which he was going to write for the Mexia Daily News. About that time, Mr. Sinclair spoke up and said: "I reckon you're getting it, Mr. Hunt, we finished painting the settee just before you came along."

Ben's poem hasn't yet appeared.

Up in Blake Smith's office, I never saw so many Mexia Daily News in one place as I saw there. They were all of Sunday's datage. Blake, Junior, had just finished reading a long article and looked up and said: "Dad, what is an ancestor?" His father replied: "Why, son I am one." This did not appear sufficient for Blake, Junior, as he then remarked with growing eagerness, "Yes, I know, but why do people brag about them?"

At the City Hall, a prisoner was being instructed by Chief Mace as to how he should conduct himself upon arrival at Huntsville. "I am informed," Mr. Mace said, "that it is the custom in some penal places to allow the prisoner to work at the same trade there as he did outside. Now what is your trade, shoemaker, blacksmith, jeweler or—"

The prisoner's face lighted up with



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By G. W. SWEET, Asst. Sales Mgr.
The Studebaker Corporation.

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These men play a vital part in the introduction of new models, such as the 1924 Studebakers; in better manufacturing methods, and in constantly guarding the high standards in current production that have long made Studebaker a leader in big-volume manufacture of high-quality, six-cylinder cars.

The laboratories in which these men work are designed, constructed and equipped at great cost to provide proper facilities for the intricate and painstaking work that must be handled.

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Many thousands of dollars have been spent by Studebaker to equip these laboratories with the finest testing devices, gauges and machinery. Hundreds of these are so finely constructed that they detect imperfections that only the powerful microscope would otherwise disclose.

Laboratory experts are given unlimited freedom in Studebaker's vast plants. They enter into every activity in their search for the ultimate in fine six cylinder motor car creation and construction.

Some select and test steel, iron, brass, wood, leather, glass and other raw materials and special equipment picked at random from the stream that flows incessantly into the various mammoth departments. Still others of these one hundred and twenty-five men work out the correct design and check the finished product for satisfactory performance.

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But Studebaker goes far beyond the unusual work of its testing laboratories to safeguard the interests of Studebaker car owners. One thousand skilled inspectors guard against imperfection in manufacture and assembly. These men make 30,000 inspections during manufacture before the cars are passed through for final delivery.

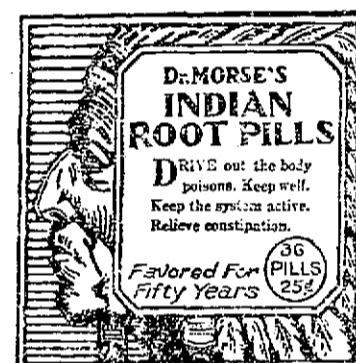
Fun Ahead For Lots of Anglers

CISCO, Texas, Feb. 26.—Local anglers are looking forward to plenty of sport in Lake Cisco soon. Game fish—croppy, bass and perch—are being placed in the lake in large quantities. As soon as they have attained sizable proportions, the lake will be thrown open to the crowds of anglers who are expected to gather.

OUR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO COLUMN

Mrs. M. E. Petty, mother of George E. Petty, lives in Santa Maria, California, and of course she reads the Mexia Daily News regularly. A few days ago in the "Twenty-Five Years Ago" Column one of the ancient items stated that George Petty had sprained his arm while helping push the fire truck, and now George has received a long letter from his mother anxiously asking about the accident, and of course the dear old lady is worried about "her boy." But of course George will promptly write her and explain that as the accident happened a quarter of a century ago, that he has fully recovered and is no longer in danger of losing the use of his arm.

Hear Baylor Choral Club tonight.



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Files of Mexia Evening News

Of Feb. 26, 1899.

Miss Daphne Camp is sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. M. B. Kemp visited in Groesbeck the past week.

Mrs. David Murphy has returned to her home in Groesbeck.

DIED.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hodges died last Saturday and the remains were taken to Palestine for burial.

H. M. Munger has returned from Dallas where he has been making arrangements for a new oil mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McLendon of Calvert were in the city attending the bedside of his mother, Mrs. S. G. McLendon.

The Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church elected the following officers: President, Mrs. J. W. Kincheloe; first vice president, Mrs. Geo. M. Wood; second vice president, Mrs. Lee Vance; recording secretary, Mrs. J. M. Long; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. D. Jackson; treasurer, Miss Ida McKenzie; agent for homes, Mrs. C. W. Metcalf.

Died.—Last Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock Mrs. S. G. McLendon died af-

ter a few days illness with lagrippe. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in which the News joins.

Mrs. Leo Scharff of Groesbeck is visiting Mrs. J. Desenberg.

Miss Mary Connighton of Calvert is in the city visiting Misses Emma and Sallie Smith.

T. A. Kindred of Salado is in the city.

Major N. P. Houx, editor of the News, is in Waco attending a meeting of the Press Association.

Miss Louise Kauhl is up after an attack of a gripe.

Mrs. Mattie Smith is having the cellar under her building occupied by R. H. Keeling, filled up.

Editorial.—Dewey is to be made a full admiral, which rank he may hold

An Old Recipe
To Darken Hair

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients, at very little cost. Every body uses this preparation now, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; and after another application or two your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.—(Adv.)

Don't Give Up Hope Yet!

Even if you have about decided that you are destined to have those pimples, blotches, bumps, eczema, rash, scrofula, tetter, "breaking out," etc., the rest of your life, you will be surprised that you are mistaken if you will simply begin using the wonderful Black and White Ointment.

Black and White Ointment is now selling at the tremendous rate of nearly two million packages a year. Any dealer can supply you. Be sure you get Black and White Ointment, because it is the one people are depending on to get rid of their skin troubles and worries. The 50c size contains three times as much as the liberal 25c size.—(Adv.)

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until death, unless he elects to retire.

Knights of Pythias Banquet.
Travis Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, pulled off a big banquet last Thursday night at the city hall.

An interesting program was rendered, which included an address by Past Grand Chancellor Frank Downes of Temple and one by Grand Chancellor H. P. Brown of Cleburne.

J. W. Blake was master of ceremonies and during the banquet a number of toasts were responded to, among them of interest to present day folks:

Our Guests—Prof. J. W. Reid.

Our Endowment Rank—Hon. E. A. Strickland of Georgetown.

The Macabees—Miss Laura Rogers.

The Pythian Goat—P. S. Park.

Friendship—Major N. P. Houx.

Strickland of Georgetown.

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March "Red Book"

March "Dance Lovers"

March "Metropolitan"

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Is this delicious confection—

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The discriminating connoisseur—

Of cooling spring and summer iced drinks!

What is in it is a little—

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Comfortably seated with perfect table service—

The Chocolate Shoppe Found is the most attractive—

Soothing, restful and home like—

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Our Merchants Lunch—

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One For All And All For One

EVERYWHERE people are coming to realize more and more how inter-dependant we are upon each other. The only individual who is self-sufficient is a hermit.

The keynote—the foundation of civilization—is the family. We all concede that. And we're rapidly coming to realize that our own home town—is a home town family—simply the family unit a little bit extended through neighborly cordiality, friendship and pleasant social intercourse.

Common good will and recognition of our human obligation is a deeper currency than any money system ever invented. But it is also to our advantage on the material side of life—it rebounds in better practices, living conditions, more generous impulses. It makes Mexia a better place to live.

Let's make our home town unit closer knit. Let's be generous with our good will—realizing that the prosperity of the individual is directly reflected in an added prosperity to our community. Your home industries and merchants have adopted this creed. Will you co-operate?

R. E. Hickman Co.

Dry Goods and Ready-to-wear

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Tom Prickett, Prop.

Wilson & Beene

Grocery and Market

Boston Store

Men's Furnishings

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Shoes and Hosiery

V. Wolverton Co.

Hardware

W. A. Jackson Co.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Ready-to-wear

John R. Corley Co.

Furniture and Undertaking

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Grocery and Market

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Gent's Furnishings

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Patterson's Column

PREACHING DOES not come

PROPERLY WITHIN the scope

OF THE duties of this

COLUMN BUT occasionally

AFTER HEARING a really

GOOD SHORT sermon like Joe

JEFFERS PREACHED Sunday

THE WRITER'S spiritual self

PREDOMINATES TO the point

OF EXPRESSION BUT never to

THE POINT of oral arguments

REGARDING DOCTRINAL belief

FOR BEING a Baptist—though

ON FURLough at present—he

NATURALLY CAN see no room

FOR ARGUMENT—but what I

MEANT TO say was isn't it

WONDERFUL AND inspiring to

SIT IN God's House and hear

THE OLD hymns sung—

JESUS PAID it ALL'

PARSON PAKER where are you?

THIRTY-FIVE years have passed

SINCE I sat a "kid" at your

SERVICE AND heard you lead

OUR COUNTRY congregation

IN THAT good old song—

YOUR FAVORITE as you often

ANNOUNCED

"WHITER THAN Snow"—Mrs.

CONNALLY THEY say you are

AN INVALID but happy and

CHEERFUL—IN Waco

I CAN in fancy hear you

SINGING THAT song and see

THE TEARS of joy in "Dick"

ELMORE'S EYES for this Godly

MAN WAS emotional and his

GLORY HALLELUJAHs reached

THE SKIES I know—

WILL THERE be Any Stars

IN MY Crown?"

MOTHER—MOTHER sleeping so

PEACEFULLY ON the hillside

AT CISCO that was your

FAVORITE AND your boy

KNOWS THAT there are stars

IN YOUR crown—

YES MEMORIES surge upon

ONE WHEN these songs

ARE SUNG and when an earnest

AND GOOD man expounds the

SIMPLE UNADORNED word of

GOD IN a straightforward

MANNER—ONE is spiritually

REVIVED

AND THERE is a bunch

OF US here in Mexia that

CAN STAND a lot of

"REVIVING" IF you know

WHAT I mean

I THANK you

Patterson.

**Federal Prison
Is A Good Place
To Recuperate**

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 26.—Victims of nervous diseases should take a rest cure in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, according to Sam L. Gross, United States Marshal for the northern Texas district.

It is no punishment to be confined in Leavenworth, Gross asserts, but instead affords "the finest opportunity in the world" for nervous people to rest and recuperate.

"Any prisoner who behaves himself no matter what his sentence may be, can enjoy the greatest amount of liberty," declared Gross following his return from the federal prison.

"The work is not hard; the silence rule has been abolished; and there is always some form of entertainment during leisure hours."

However, in spite of Marshal Gross' hearty endorsement of the prison as a place of rest there has been no rush of tired, nervous persons for reservations.

The work is not hard; the silence

rule has been abolished; and there is

always some form of entertainment

during leisure hours."

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**Partisanship Is
Running High As
Result of Probe**

By PAUL R. MALLON

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Bitter

partisan feeling growing out of the

Senate oil inquiry threatened early

this week to bring forth new sensational

evidence designed to smear the

names of leaders in both parties.

The name of a Republican presidential

candidate, heretofore unmen-

tioned in the scandal, may be drawn

in by Democrats. His son is reported

to have been connected with the Do-

heny interests.

The Democrats prepared to trace

suspected "leaks" from Republican

members of the investigating

committee itself. Republicans threatened

to recall William G. McAdoo, Demo-

cratic presidential candidate, who said

Saturday in Los Angeles that his law

firm would have been paid \$100,000 by

E. L. Doheny if he had succeeded in

Mexican oil negotiations for Doheny.

These developments as investigating

committee ended a week's recess and

called to the stand C. Bascom Slemp,

Secretary to President Coolidge.

Slemp was called by Senator Walsh,

Montana, chief investigator, to tell

what he knows of "leaks" from the

committee. Democrats have a strong

suspicion that private information of

the committee has been secretly re-

laxed to men who were to be called

later to the witness stand.

If Slemp's testimony does not de-

velop this fact, the next witness will

be local managers of the local Western

Union and Postal telegraph companies.

They were subpoenaed to produce all

telegrams addressed to Albert B. Fall,

Edward B. McLean and two of Mc-

Lean's intimate friends while they

were all together in Palm Beach, Fla.

The telegrams desired are believed

to have been sent between Dec. 23 and

Jan. 8.

It was during a portion of this time

that Slemp visited Palm Beach and

the committee will ask if he communi-

cated with McLean, Fall or the others.

He Just "Got Out
And Got Under"

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 26.—

Police made a hasty call to a street

intersection in the residential section

here when a man was reported lying

in the street dead.

When the officers went to the scene

and failed to find the "corpse" they

started an investigation.

They found the "deceased" was a

chauffeur who was merely lying on

his back while trying to find the rea-

son for his balky machine.

—

Called Meeting

Knights Templar

There will be a called meeting of

Coeur de Lion Commandery, Knights

Templar, tonight at 7:30 for work

in the Red Cross degree. Officers

and candidates are urged to be pres-

ent on time, and members are also

urged to attend. Visitors are always

welcome. —J. D. Arrington, E. C.

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No sensible person will continue to

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Ask for a two-ounce original bot-

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(Adv.)

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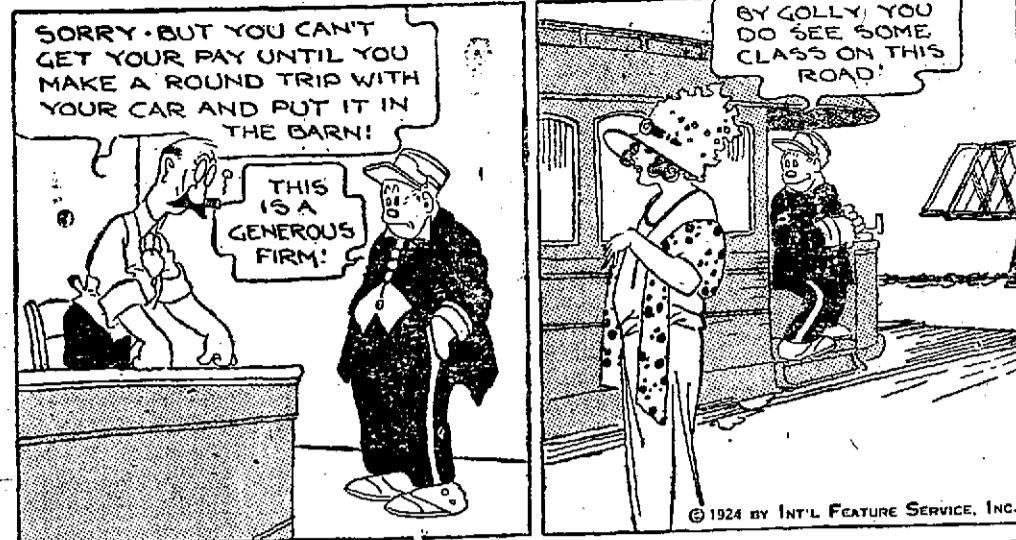
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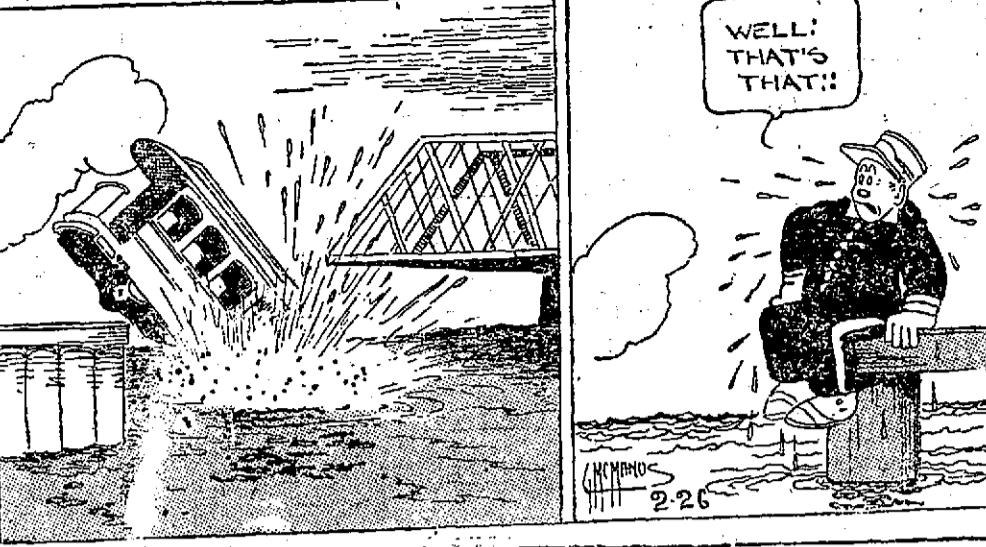
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By George McManus



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HELP WANTED—A

WANTED—Confinement cases by experienced nurse. Best of reference. Phone 557-J. 18A30

WANTED—Confinement cases by experienced nurse. Best of reference. Phone 557-J. 30A30

LOST AND FOUND—D.

LOST—White gold wrist watch with M. P. T. engraved on back. Return to Mrs. Travis at E. L. Smith Oil Co., Inc., and receive reward. 24D3

WANTED TO BUY—E

WANT TO BUY—J. K. Hughes Developing Company, E. L. Smith Oil Company, Mexia Heart of Pool Royalty Company, Powell Five Hundred, Jesse McLendon, room 1 McLendon building, Mexia, Texas. 18E30

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—F

WE SELL and exchange all kinds of furniture, floor covering, stoves, and kitchen hardware. M. Langston, new and second hand furniture. Phone 56-May 10ef.

FOR SALE—J

HATCHING EGGS—From Tancreds winter laying strain, S. C. White Leghorns. \$1.00 and \$1.50 per 15. Come and see these layers before you buy. Radleys White Leghorn Farm, Reunion ground, Mexia, Texas, R. 1, Box 6. 19J5

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching. Thoroughbred Rhode Island Reds and Barred Rocks. \$1.25 for setting of 15. 305 E. Hunt. Phone 305-W. 24J2

FOR SALE—Good span of mules, harness, cultivator and some plow tools. Will sell at a bargain or trade for Ford car. See Joe Dokupil at J. O. Stephens' store, S. McKinney. 21J3

BARGAINS IN FURNITURE—Everyday. We will extend you credit where we feel that we are able. 10% off on articles above \$5.00 if you pay cash. We buy, sell, and exchange furniture. We also do repair work with a guarantee. Bring this ad with you. Walten's by City Hall, Mexia; by Post Office, Corsicana. 25J7

HOUSES FOR RENT—K

FOR RENT—House on north Kaufman street with garage. Rent reasonable. See J. R. Neely Lumber Company. 21K7

FOR RENT—Two-story residence, corner Sherman and Milan streets. Apply Jackson Bros. Garage. 22K3

FOR RENT—Five room house with bath and all modern conveniences. C. Feiz, 208 South Bonham. Phone 343-24K1

ROOMS FURNISHED—L

FOR RENT—Desirable two and three room apartments, conveniently located, all modern conveniences, lights, gas and water, furnished. Reasonable rates. Gates Apartments, 834 East Commerce St. Telephone 633. 8L26

FOR RENT—Two and three room apartments, gas, lights and water. All modern conveniences. 207 South Red River street. Phone 667-W. 21L7

FOR RENT—New 4 room house with bath. Piped for gas and wired for lights. Rent reasonable. 105 East Tyler street, 1/2 block off McKinney phone 746. 21L3

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment, lights, heat and water furnished. Just off pavement. Mrs. D. Arrington, 418 E. Milan. 21L4

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished housekeeping rooms, adjoining bath, lights, water and gas furnished. Telephone 313-J. 410 S. Sherman. 26L1

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished three room apartment, all conveniences. Call J. E. Mills, phone 552-W. 25L3

BURE BRED Jersey bull for service. Fee \$2.00, at Conyers Barn, Mexia, Texas. 17-7

Treadway Elected Black Cat Leader

Barney (Googie) Treadway, diminutive forward of the Mexia High Black Cat basketball squad, was elected captain for next year. He was elected by the letter men of the squad at a meeting held at the High School Monday afternoon.

Treadway, although small in stature, is one of the best basketball players on the Black Cat squad. He is rather hard to stay with and has a very accurate eye for the basket from all positions on the court.

Coach Ernest H. Poteet announced the lettermen of the basketball team for the past year and stated that they would receive gold basketballs as a reward for their services to the school this season. The letter men are: Wayne Lucas, captain, Barnett Treadway, Machon Forrest, Hubert Simmons, Loy (Dutch) Cox and Dick Burford.

In glancing over the past basketball season for the Black Cats, and also this is the first season of basketball for the school, we find that most of the team will remain intact for the next season. Coach Poteet also believes that when the sport lovers of the city become more acquainted with the game that its growth in popularity will be great.

Hear Baylor Choral Club tonight.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION STATE OF TEXAS,

City of Mexia,
County of Limestone.
On this the 11th day of February, 1924, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, convened pursuant to adjournment in the City Hall. E. Watson, Mayor, W. C. Wilson, Commissioner, and J. R. Forrest, Commissioner, being present, and among other business transacted, the following ordinance was passed:

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance ordering a special election in the City of Mexia, Texas, on the 18th day of March, 1924, for the submission of the question: "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING FROM THE CITY OF MEXIA AT LARGE A CHARTER COMMISSION OF NOT LESS THAN 15 MEMBERS AND DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH SAID ELECTION IS TO BE HELD AND APPOINTING PRESIDING OFFICERS THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY?"

WHEREAS, the City of Mexia,

word for each insertion. No single ad taken for less than 25 cents. Everybody reads these little ads, so if you want to buy or sell, or have lost or found any article, here is where you can get good results. No advertisement accepted over the telephone except from those who have a Regular Charge Account.

FOR RENT—One two-room and one three-room completely furnished apartments. Bath with hot and cold running water. Close in and convenient. Reasonable rates. Little Texas Apartments. N. Sherman street. Phone 528. 25L7

WANTED—Plain sewing. Call 306 East Milam. 24P4

INCOME TAX IN NUTSHELL

WHO?—Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of \$1,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of \$2,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more must file returns.

WHEN?—The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924.

WHERE?—Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

HOW?—Instructions on Form 1040-A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT?—Four per cent normal tax on the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of personal exemption and credits for dependents. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of net income. Surtax from 1 per cent to 50 per cent on net incomes over \$6,000 for the year 1923.

NOTICE

This section of the country is free from quarantine and it is not compulsory that you dip your cattle. But in order to prevent any return of ticks and clean your cattle of lice you should dip them. I have made arrangements through the Commissioners Court to dip your cattle without cost to you during March, April and May. I will dip on the following dates, weather permitting: Reunion Ground vat, March 10th; Rosson, March 11th; Springfield, March 12th; Trotter, March 13th and L. C. Estes vat, March 14th. Other dates will be announced later. For further information see O. Lewis, Mexia, Texas. 22-6

NOTICE

We have sold the business known as The Bon Ton Bakery, to Propp Bros. They taking charge of same on 14th day of February, 1924. We will not be responsible for any debts or contracts entered into after above date. Bon Ton Bakery. 15-10 L. J. Reichman.

In an international knitting competition in which thousands of women participated, a young woman of Bristol, England, has won a cash prize of \$1000 and a silver cup emblematic of the championship.

At the time of the armistice there were about 10,000 dogs with the armies of all sides.

H. & T. C. EFFECTIVE 12:01 A. M. JUNE 17th.

North bound—
445 From cut-off 1:47 p. m.
15 Dallas Ft. Worth 3:44 p. m.
31 Dallas Ft. Worth 12:50 p. m.
37 Dallas Ft. Worth 5:14 a. m.
17 Dallas Ft. Worth 4:33 a. m.
19 Dallas Ft. Worth 3:55 a. m.

South bound—
346 To cut-off 7:00 a. m.
16 Houston San Antonio 11:45 a. m.
32 From Dallas 10:08 a. m.
38 Austin San Antonio 12:21 a. m.
18 Houston San Antonio 1:37 a. m.
20 Houston San Antonio 12:16 a. m.

T. & B. V. North.
No. 8-3:25 p. m.
South.
No. 7-12:55 p. m.

W. K. Turner & Sons
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And that's the best compliment a customer can pay to the garage that fixed his car. Many are the customers who tell us that very thing. They are satisfied because the work is done right and they are charged the right price.

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All Kinds of Concrete Work. Let me bid on your job.

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613 DENTON ST.

Texas, has more than 5,000 actual bona fide inhabitants, and whereas, since its incorporation the City has been operating under the General Statutes of Texas, and without a Charter, and whereas, it will be to the best interest and general welfare of said City to adopt a Charter, and thereby confer upon said city the full powers of local self-government, as contemplated and authorized by Article 11, Section 5, Constitution of Texas as amended in 1912, and all laws pursuant thereto.

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of February, 1924, the following request was made to the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, for action:

"We, the undersigned resident citizens of the City of Mexia, Texas, hereby respectfully request the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners to submit to the voters of said city the question whether a commission shall be chosen to frame a charter for said city, said question to be submitted at the first opportune time," signed by W. J. Keeling and 97 others, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, by a unanimous vote of its members deems it advisable to order an election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city the question "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER"; and for the purpose of electing 15 members from the City at large to compose such Charter Commission, and

WHEREAS, the next regular municipal election in and for the City of Mexia, cannot and will not be held until the 9th day of April, 1925 which will be more than 90 days after this ordinance shall have been passed, and it being, therefore, impracticable and impossible to hold the election herein provided for at the next regular municipal election,

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas:

Section 1. That a special election be held Tuesday the 18th day of March, 1924, in the City of Mexia, Texas, for the purpose of submitting the following question, to-wit:

"SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER"; and for County Tax Assessor—

TOM M. CAIN R. W. (BOB) STEEN A. A. HYDEN.

J. L. HIGGINBOTHAM For Tax Collector—

W. A. ROBBINS. For County Clerk—

J. L. DAY, (re-election.) For County Tax Assessor—

TOM M. CAIN R. W. (BOB) STEEN A. A. HYDEN.

J. L. HIGGINBOTHAM For Tax Collector—

W. A. ROBBINS. (re-election.) For County Treasurer—

MRS. LULA OATES, (re-election.) For Sheriff—

WHIT POPEJOY (re-election.) For Commissioner Precinct No. 4—

JOHN M. KENNEDY, (re-election.) For County Treasurer—

SCOTT REED (re-election, second term.)

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS 1924 ELECTIONS

LIMESTONE COUNTY

The following candidates for the offices named submit their names subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held in Limestone county on the 26th day of July, 1924:

For Governor—

FELIX G. ROBERTSON.

For District Judge, 77th Judicial Dis.

C. H. MACHEN

For Judge 87th Judicial District—

J. ROSS BELL

(Re-Election 2nd Term)

J. E. WOODS.

For District Clerk—

ELLIS DICKERSON.

M. A. AINSWORTH.

For Representative Limestone County

W. P. ALEXANDER.

For County Judge—

H. F. KIRBY (Re-election sought)

JOHNSON WAKEFIELD

B. W. MILES.

For County Clerk—

J. L. DAY, (re-election.)

For County Tax Assessor—

TOM M. CAIN R. W. (BOB) STEEN A. A. HYDEN.

J. L. HIGGINBOTHAM For Tax Collector—

W. A. ROBBINS. (re-election.)

E. L. Smith Oil Company Outlines Plans And Status of The Company In Letter To Its Stockholders

The E. L. Smith Oil Company is today sending out letters to its stockholders, advising them of the recent activities in the Powell field, of the plans for the future and financial status of the company.

The letter confirms statements previously made that the E. L. Smith Oil Company had sold its interests on the Whealock, Ballard and Ramsey tracts, at Powell, retaining the 65-acre Cerf lease and large royalty interests there. The Cerf now has one producer owned by the company and another deep well, the No. 2 Cerf, is expected in this week. The present production of the Cerf 1 is around 150 barrels daily, while royalty in the field, owned by the E. L. Smith Oil Company, totals 250 barrels.

Added to this is the Mexia royalty which amounts to around 150 barrels daily. This gives the company a steady daily income, at present, postings, amounting to approximately \$1,000 per day or \$30,000 per month.

The business of the company is transacted with a very nominal expense, which fact gives the Mexia born institution a very gratifying income, according to officials and stockholders of the company who are well pleased with its condition.

The company also plans its future operations on a conservative basis. These plans include the drilling of a test on a block of acreage, secured for that purpose in Rains and Hopkins counties.

The location of the test has not yet been definitely decided upon, but the fact that such a test will be made is verified in the letter now going out.

The financial affairs of the company are also most gratifying, the letter stating that the company is now holding in cash, notes and liquid bonds, around \$1,200,000 while the outstanding stock of the company is \$1,800,000.

Both E. L. Smith, president, and Blake Smith, vice president, in this connection state, and so say in the letter, that it is not the policy of the company to pay out large dividends and dissipate its assets but rather to pay a reasonable rate annually.

Successful oil concerns have tested this policy and have found that such a course tends to increase the market value of the stock and eventually result in a much larger return to stockholders. The dividend rate for this year will be announced later, according to officials of the company. Since its organization little better than two years ago, the company has consistently declared and paid dividends which easily place the E. L. Smith Oil Company in a class with the safest and best paying companies in the oil industry.

Probe Starts On Tex Rickard As To His Scalping

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Investigation into charges by Tom O'Rourke that Tex Rickard scalps his own fight tickets is expected to be started this afternoon at the regular meeting of the New York boxing commission.

Officially the commission has given no public notice of its intention to investigate the charges and as far as could be learned no witnesses have been called to appear at today's session.

The statement made to the district attorney's office by George Brower, chairman of the commission that he could take charge of the investigation, warranted the belief that the commission would get the machinery in motion today even if it did not go down to testimony.

Tex Rickard, who would not admit that he had been called, said he

Six Injured In Houston Crash

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 26.—Six persons, including two whites, were injured when the power failed a street car and it backed down a hill and crashed into an automobile.

THE WEATHER

East Texas—Tonight generally fair, not so cold in extreme west. Wednesday generally fair and rising temperature.

West Texas—Tonight and Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer.

Baylor Choral Club tonight, at the First Baptist Church.

REVOLUTIONISTS OF BULGARIA PROCLAIM A REPUBLIC

ATHENS, Feb. 26.—Unconfirmed reports from the Bulgarian frontier said Premier Zankoff, head of the revolutionary government, had proclaimed a republic. Troops issued a counter proclamation in favor of a Communist State, the report said.

He said also that he would demand that the commission make a thorough investigation and would ask that the reports be filed on the receipts of the Dempsey-Fizijo fight and every other important contest that he has staged be made public.

O'Rourke who made the complaint against Rickard before a legislative committee in Albany and later made more detailed charges in a letter to a state senator probably will be ready if he is called to testify.

Injunction Suits To Determine Case In Tea Pot Affair

By WILLIAM J. LOTH
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The government's case for cancellation of the oil leases granted by former Secretary of the Interior Fall and Secretary of Navy Denby to Edward J. Doheny and Harry F. Sinclair will virtually stand or fall by the outcome of injunction suits shortly to be instituted to halt withdrawal of oil from the reserves.

Because of this Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, special presidential counsel in whose hands President Coolidge has placed prosecution of the cases are taking "exceptional pains" it was stated, to be ready to fight out the major issues of the case at an early stage of the battle. This was said at their offices explaining the delay in taking definite action.

Pomerene and Roberts believe that the defendant oil companies will force the government to show its hand as soon as possible after suit is filed to check further oil losses from the reserves. As soon as temporary injunctions are acted, the counsel anticipate that Sinclair and Doheny will ask the courts for immediate hearings on making the injunction permanent, forcing the government into the open.

This applies only to civil suits. Whatever criminal action may be contemplated will be taken later with the convening of a special grand jury.

The task of Pomerene and Roberts is not explained today is difficult because of mountains of documents and testimony to be examined on the one hand and the unavailability of much of the court on the other.

With six assistants, they are holding daily conferences, sifting the material turned over to them by the Senate investigating committee and searching the books for applicable laws.

Unsettled food delayed in the stomach decays, or rather fermenting, same as food left in the system, says a noted authority. He also tells us that Indigestion is cured by Hydrochloric poultice there is an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach which prevents complete digestion and starts food fermentation. Thus everything eaten sooner in the stomach like garbage sours in a can, forming acid fluids and gas which inflate the stomach like a toy balloon. Then we feel a heavy lumpiness in the chest; we belch up gas; we eructate sour food or have heartburn. That alone, water brush or nausea.

He tells us to lay aside all digestive aids and instead get from any pharmacy four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and drink it while it is effervescent, and furthermore, to continue this for a week. While relief often follows the first dose, it is important to help neutralize the acidity, remove the gas-making mass, start the liver, stimulate the kidneys and thus promote a free flow of pure digestive juices.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, and it is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and sodium phosphate. This harmless salt is used for many stomach disorders with excellent results.—(Adv.)

State Is In Red Around \$3,600,000

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 26.—The state treasury deficiency today stood at \$3,600,000, approximately the lowest in six months. Tax collections received today were approximately a million and half.

A POST-WAR CHAPTER

KINGSTON, N. C. (United Press) Mingo Cobb is dead. The average reader won't get much knock out of that announcement, but he was well known in this section. He was an old-time darky, who during reconstruction days was the coroner of Lenoir county. He said before his death that he was 115 years old.

Cobb was sexton for a Baptist church many years. Once when water stood deep at the basement entrance, a passerby called it to his attention. "That's all right," he said. "This church was built that way—it's a Baptist church."

MOUNT PLEASANT, Feb. 26.—George O. Leidy, of San Antonio, old time Texas Leaguer, has been appointed umpire in chief in the East Texas Baseball League, it was announced here by T. L. Deeman, president. Four additional umpires will be selected later.

More than 35 cities and towns in Ohio maintain special classes for mentally defective or backward pupils in the public schools.

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Birthday Party for Mrs. J. H. Redden

One of the prettiest and most enjoyable parties of last week was the birthday party given Mrs. Redden by her daughter, Miss Eileen. A host of Mrs. Redden's old and valued friends met with her on the 20th of Feb. and brought with them not only smiles and good wishes but many pretty as well as useful gifts. The birthday was a six round decision here last night. The fighting was fairly even for five rounds but the decision went to Slattery after he had shown up the Georgia youth in the last round.

PARIS.—Georges Carpenter, former European heavyweight champion, has been matched to meet Arthur Townley, British heavyweight in a 15 round match in Vienna on April 27, it was announced today.

NEW YORK.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, will go on the table today for a minor operation. He expects to leave for California for a rest of two or three days.

EAST CHICAGO, Ind.—Mickey O'Dowd, Munice, Ind., knocked out Jack Kane, Chicago in the seventh round of a scheduled ten round bout.

COLUMBUS.—Phil O'Dowd, Columbus bantamweight won nine out of twelve rounds in his bout with "Mutt" Snyder of Dayton.

BAYLOR COLLEGE GLEE CLUB
HEARD AT A. & M. COLLEGE

BRYAN, Texas, Feb. 26.—Members of the Baylor College (Belton) Glee Club gave a recital at the A. & M. College Monday evening. These girls are always entertained in Bryan homes on their visits to the College. Bryan representatives on the club this year are Miss Louise Pipkins, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Pipkins, and Miss Aline Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sidney Smith.

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Active Pall Bearers: Charles O. Denning, Lawrence Hearne, Jno. T. Sanders, of Mexia, Randolph Patton, Teague; Ligo Dillard, Corsicana; Wm. A. Reiter, Dallas, all grandsons of the deceased.

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